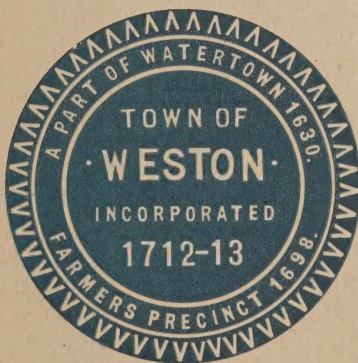


REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WESTON,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1893.



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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1892.

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### Town Clerk.\*

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

### Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.\*

HENRY J. JENNISON.

FRANCIS BLAKE.

NATHAN S. FISKE.

### Assessors.\*

ALONZO S. FISKE.

MARCUS M. FISKE.

HENRY L. BROWN.

### School Committee.\*

THE REV. CHARLES F. RUSSELL, 3 years.

NAHUM SMITH, 2 years.

FRANK H. UPHAM, 1 year.

### Trustees of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor.\*

GEO. W. CUTTING.

EDWARD COBURN.

HENRY J. WHITE.

### Treasurer and Collector.\*

HENRY J. WHITE.

### Auditor.\*

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

### Library Committee.\*

OLIVER R. ROBBINS, 3 years.

HORACE S. SEARS, 2 years.

ELIZABETH S. GOWING, 1 year.

### Library Treasurer.\*

HENRY J. WHITE.

### Burial Ground Committee.\*

EDWARD COBURN, 3 years.

FREDERICK T. FULLER, 2 years.

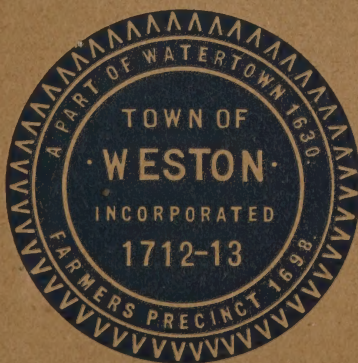
LUTHER F. UPHAM, 1 year.

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\*Elected at the Annual Meeting.



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**Road Commissioners.\***

THOMAS E. COBURN, 3 years. BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, 2 years.  
MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 1 year.

**Committee on Street Lights.\***

ALONZO S. FISKE. HENRY L. BROWN.  
HERBERT SEAVERNS.

**Public Weigher.†**

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

**Measurers of Wood and Bark.\***

District No. 1. — GEORGE W. CUTTING.  
“ No. 1. — MERRILL FRENCH.  
“ No. 2. — EDWARD E. BROWN.  
“ No. 3. — GEORGE W. DUNN.  
“ No. 4. — FRANK H. GOWELL.  
“ No. 4. — DANIEL GARFIELD.  
“ No. 4. — ALFRED L. CUTTING.  
“ No. 5. — CHARLES S. CUTTER.  
“ No. 6. — GEORGE F. JONES.

**Surveyors of Lumber.\***

DANIEL GARFIELD. DANIEL SMITH.  
BENJAMIN F. CUTTER. FRANK H. GOWELL.  
OLIVER N. KENNEY.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures.†**

DANIEL SMITH.

**Fence Viewers.\***

NATHAN BARKER, JR. FREDERICK T. FULLER.  
EVERETT O. CLARK.

**Field Drivers.\***

WILLIAM N. GOWELL. NATHAN BARKER, JR.  
ELDEN H. JENNISON. JAMES M. SMITH.  
FRED A. TUCKER.

**Pound Keeper.\***

NATHAN BARKER, JR.

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\*Elected at the Annual Meeting.

†Appointed by the Selectmen.

**Constables.\***

NATHAN BARKER, JR.                      NATHAN S. FISKE.  
 MERRILL FRENCH.                      FRANK H. GOWELL.  
 JAMES M. SMITH.

**Special Police Officers.†**

WILLIAM SEAVER.                      SILAS BAXTER.  
 GEORGE WILLIAM HENDERSON.

**Forest Fire Wards.†**

WILLIAM C. COOPER.                      CHARLES EMERSON.  
 THOMAS E. COBURN.

**Fire Wards.†**

FRANK H. GOWELL.                      NATHAN S. FISKE.  
 HENRY J. JENNISON.                      W. N. GOWELL.  
 ROLAND RAND.                      E. O. CLARK.  
 GEORGE W. CUTTING.                      J. M. SMITH.  
 R. W. DENNISON.

**Board of Health.\***

MARCUS M. FISKE.                      BRENTON H. DICKSON, JR.  
 F. WARREN HASTINGS.

**Inspectors of Provisions and of Animals Intended for Slaughter, or Kept for the Production of Milk.†**

MARCUS M. FISKE.                      F. WARREN HASTINGS.  
 BRENTON H. DICKSON, JR.

**Undertaker.†**

FRANK H. UPHAM.

**Registrars of Voters.†**

ARTHUR S. BURRAGE, REP. . . . . Term expires May 1, 1895.  
 JUSTIN E. GALE, DEM. . . . . Term expires May 1, 1894.  
 ANDREW FISKE, DEM. . . . . Term expires May 1, 1893.

The Town Clerk (*ex officio*).

**Inspectors of Elections.†**

EDWARD COBURN, REP. . . . .	<i>Inspector.</i>
HENRY L. BROWN, REP. . . . .	<i>Deputy.</i>
EDWARD FISKE, DEM. . . . .	<i>Inspector.</i>
FRANK D. PERRY, DEM. . . . .	<i>Deputy.</i>

\* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Appointed by the Selectmen.

## TOWN WARRANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, current, at one of the clock, in the afternoon, for the following purposes, to wit : —

*First.* To choose a Moderator.

*Second.* To choose the usual Town Officers for the ensuing year.

*Third.* To vote on a separate ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

*Fourth.* To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

*Fifth.* To fix the compensation of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

*Sixth.* To accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

*Seventh.* To authorize some person, in the name and behalf of the Town, to execute, acknowledge, and deliver to F. Warren Hastings, a deed of the land specified in a vote passed in town meeting March 24, 1890.



*Eighth.* To appoint a Committee, including the Selectmen, with full powers, in the name and behalf of the Town, to buy the whole or any part of the land and buildings thereon necessary to the proposed arrangement for Public Buildings, shown on Plan No. 2, accompanying the report of the Committee on site for Library Building, published in the volume of Reports of the Town of Weston for the year ending Feb. 29, 1892.

*Ninth.* To authorize some person or persons, in the name and behalf of the Town, to buy a strip of land on the south side of the High School lot.

*Tenth.* To determine whether the Town will build a road from a point on Concord Street to the junction of Concord and Sudbury Streets as shown on a plan of the Barnes survey.

*Eleventh.* To vote by ballot upon the acceptance of Chapter 170 of the Acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1891, said chapter being entitled "An act to give towns jurisdiction over highways and county bridges."

*Twelfth.* To amend Article 1 of the Town By-Laws by adding thereto the following sentence, to wit: —

"Full notice of every special town meeting, including a copy of the articles of the warrant therefor, shall be mailed to every legal voter of the town, seven days at least before the date of such meeting."

*Thirteenth.* To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or as may be required to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and especially to act upon all the appropriations asked for or proposed by the Selectmen or by any Town Officers or Committees in their reports.



And you are to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof according to the vote of the Town, viz. : at the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days at the least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, eight days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

HENRY J. JENNISON,

FRANCIS BLAKE,

NATHAN S. FISKE,

*Selectmen of the Town of Weston.*

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR 1892.

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### BIRTHS.

Total number of births registered in town during the calendar year 1892, 22; males, 8; females, 14; American parentage, 13; foreign, 4; American and foreign 5.

Jeremiah Aloysius Sheehan	.	.	.	.	Jan.	17
— Bennett	.	.	.	.	Feb.	3
Alice Beatrice Upham	.	.	.	.	March	23
— Loomis	.	.	.	.	"	25
Harold Rollins	.	.	.	.	April	21
Albert Thomas Young	.	.	.	.	"	23
Gladys Esther Keddy	.	.	.	.	May	3
Vera Ethel McDougall	.	.	.	.	"	19
Frederick Stimpson Kenney	.	.	.	.	July	7
Bertha Mildred Forsyth	.	.	.	.	"	21
Winnifred May Tyler	.	.	.	.	Aug.	16
Myrtice Agnes Benson	.	.	.	.	Sept.	23
Delia Hennessy	.	.	.	.	Oct.	14
Lucy Annie Corrigan	.	.	.	.	"	30
Howard Edwin Cooper	.	.	.	.	Nov.	13
Raymond Whitney Maker	.	.	.	.	"	15
Alden Dimock Brown	.	.	.	.	"	23
Anna Ferry	.	.	.	.	"	27
Sadie Cutting Nims	.	.	.	.	"	28
Ethel Mary Johnson	.	.	.	.	Dec.	5
Marian Breed Palmer	.	.	.	.	"	11
Elizabeth Miriam Parker	.	.	.	.	"	13

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage certificates issued, 13 ; marriages registered, 11 ; parties native born, 13 ; foreign, 9 ; natives of the town, 3 ; age of the youngest groom, 21 ; oldest, 64 ; youngest bride, 18 ; oldest, 50.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered this year was 15 ; males, 6 ; females, 9.

Condition : married, 6 ; single, 4 ; widowed, 4 ; unknown, 1.

Name, age, and condition of persons deceased, aged seventy years and upwards :—

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Louisa Jane Hall, widow . . .	90	7	1
Abigail H. Hawes, widow . . .	78	7	
Ruth B. Sibley, widow . . .	74	5	
Benjamin Peirce, married . . .	73		13
Number deceased under one year is . . .			2
“ “ between 1 and 10 . . .			0
“ “ “ 10 “ 20 . . .			1
“ “ “ 20 “ 30 . . .			1
“ “ “ 30 “ 40 . . .			0
“ “ “ 40 “ 50 . . .			4
“ “ “ 50 “ 60 . . .			1
“ “ “ 60 “ 70 . . .			2

## CAUSE OF DEATH.

Influenza and valvular disease of heart, a few days with acute symptoms, 1 ; Pneumonia, 3 ; Mitral Insufficiency,



Bronchitis, ten days, 1; Apoplexy, 2; Accident, 2; Fatty Degeneration of Heart, .1; Dilatation of Heart, 1; Still Born, 1; Impacted Gall Stone, about thirty years, Peritonitis, seven days, 1; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 1; Marasmus, 1.

There were three deaths in January, one in February, one in March, one in April, three in July, three in September, two in November and one in December.

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The number of dogs licensed was	.	.	.	133
Amount received for licensing	.	\$331	00	
118 Male dogs, at \$2.00 each	.	.	.	\$236 00
14 Female dogs at \$5.00 each	.	.	.	70 00
1 Special	.	.	.	25 00
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Total	.	.	.	\$331 00
Deduct fees for licenses	.	.	.	26 60
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Paid County Treasurer as per his receipts				\$304 40

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUTTING,  
*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have the honor to submit the following report for the fiscal year, ending Feb. 28, 1893.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The Board was organized at a special meeting held March 28, 1892, by the choice of Mr. Henry J. Jennison as Chairman, and Mr. Francis Blake, Clerk. It was voted to hold stated meetings in accordance with the following notice, which was publicly posted.

### NOTICE.

In April, and until further notice, a stated meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held in their rooms at the Town Hall, Weston, on the second Saturday of each month, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Bills against the Town should be presented to the Auditor on or before the fifth of the month. Bills presented after the fifth of the month will not be acted upon until the following month.

During the year, the Board have held eleven stated and ten special meetings.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

The following table gives the amounts of the appropriations for the past year and the amounts recommended for next year : —

	1892. Appropriated.	1893. Recommended.
1. Highways . . . . .	\$5,500	\$5,500
2. Schools . . . . .	5,900	5,900
3. School Incidentals . . . . .	1,500	1,500
4. Text Books . . . . .	400	400
5. Town Incidentals . . . . .	1,500	2,000
6. Salaries of Town Officers . . . . .	2,000	2,200
7. Street Lights . . . . .	1,500	1,800
8. Town Records . . . . .	890	900
9. Support of Poor . . . . .	1,200	{ 800* 400†
10. Cemeteries . . . . .	1,000	700
11. Discounts and Abatements . . . . .	1,000	1,200
12. Interest on Town Debt . . . . .	1,000	1,000
13. Decoration Day . . . . .	[75]‡	—
14. Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief . . . . .	250	250
15. Central Avenue . . . . .	3,000	—
16. Fire Department . . . . .	200	200
17. Fire Alarm Service . . . . .	1,000	—
18. Summer Street . . . . .	1,000	—
19. Payment of Town Debt . . . . .	1,500§	1,500§
20. Loring Place . . . . .	—	1,500
21. Merriam Street . . . . .	—	500
22. Bills Prior . . . . .	—	500
23. Military Aid. . . . .	—	60
	<u>\$30,340</u>	<u>\$31,510</u>

\* Almshouse.      † Outside Relief.

‡ To be taken from Town Incidentals.

§ Standing vote of March 26, 1883.



## JURY LIST.

The subjoined list of names has been prepared and posted in accordance with the provision of the Public Statutes, and will be reported at the next annual meeting, to be placed in the jury box, subject to the revision of the town : —

Amri Barker.	Isaac O. Lovewell.
Emery L. Bemis.	T. Coburn Richardson.
Edward E. Brown.	Francis B. Ripley.
Everett O. Clark.	Henry G. Russell.
William C. Cooper.	J. Melvin Schwartz.
Charles Emerson.	Herbert Seaverns.
Marcus M. Fiske.	George E. Trask.
William N. Gowell.	Sidney E. Tyler.
Henry J. Jennison.	Luther F. Upham.
Elias King.	Samuel H. Warren.

## APPOINTMENTS.

Under the provisions of the Public Statutes, the Board have made the following appointments :—

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Daniel Smith.

## PUBLIC WEIGHER.

George W. Cutting.

## UNDERTAKER.

Frank H. Upham.

## SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

William Seaver.	Silas Baxter.
George William Henderson.	

## FIRE WARDS.

Frank H. Gowell.	George W. Cutting.
Roland Rand.	W. N. Gowell.
Nathan S. Fiske,	E. O. Clark.
Henry J. Jennison.	J. M. Smith.
R. W. Dennison.	

## FOREST FIRE WARDS.

Thomas E. Coburn.	Charles Emerson.
William C. Cooper.	

## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS.

Arthur S. Burrage, Republican, for 3 years from May 1, 1892.

## INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

Edward Coburn, Republican,	Inspector.
Henry L. Brown,	“ Deputy.
Edward Fiske, Democrat,	Inspector.
Frank D. Perry,	“ Deputy.

## TELLERS AT NATIONAL AND GENERAL STATE ELECTION.

Arthur L. Coburn.	Horace S. Sears.
Edward Coburn.	William H. Coburn.
Henry L. Brown.	Daniel Smith.
Henry J. White.	Robert Winsor.
Arthur S. Burrage.	Frank D. Perry.
Sumner Paine.	Brenton H. Dickson, Jr.

April 2, 1892, at a joint session of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health, the resignation of Arthur S. Burrage as a member of the Board of Health was accepted ;

and by a unanimous vote Marcus M. Fiske was chosen as his successor.

April 30, 1892, at a special meeting of the Board, Mr. Nathan Barker, Jr., upon the payment of the prescribed fee, was licensed to be an auctioneer within the town of Weston, for the term of one year. On the same date, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 195 of the Acts of 1892, Messrs. Marcus M. Fiske, F. Warren Hastings, and B. H. Dickson, Jr., were appointed "Inspectors of provisions and of animals intended for slaughter or kept for the production of milk" for the current year.

July 23, 1892, at a special meeting of the Board, the resignations of Messrs. Hastings and Dickson, as "Inspectors of provisions," etc., were received and accepted.

#### ACCOUNTS OF TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

In accordance with the provisions of Art. 13, of the Town By-Laws, the Board have twice during the year made a thorough examination of the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Collector and the condition of the treasury.

In the course of these examinations all payments made by the Treasurer were verified by references to approved vouchers or endorsed cheques. The receipts from taxes were verified by references to the Assessors' tax warrants. The bank accounts were found to agree with the pass books, after making allowance for outstanding cheques; and in general, all moneys in charge of Mr. Henry J. White as Town Treasurer and Collector, Library Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor, were properly accounted for.

Reference to the Town Treasurer's report will show a balance in treasury of \$4,223.48. It should be noted, how-



ever, that the appropriations of last year for records and fire alarm service, amounting to \$1,890.00, are yet to be expended; so that the net available balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, is \$2,333.48.

### FIRES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There have been four fires within the town during the year, with a resulting loss of property to the value of \$8,100. Deducting from this amount the sum of \$3,200 recovered from insurance companies, there remains a net fire loss to citizens of Weston of \$4,900 for the year. The adjustment of claims for insurance still pending, will probably reduce this net loss to \$4,000.

Details with regard to the several fires are as follows:—

May 21, 1892. Forest fire on land of Henry A. Wheeler, near Merriam Street. Cause unknown. Damage, \$50.

July 7, 1892. Barn and carriage house on Concord Street, owned by Mrs. W. N. Gowell. Cause unknown. Total loss. Value of barn, \$400; insurance paid, \$200. Value of carriage house, \$100; no insurance.

Sept. 23, 1892. Boat factory and contents at South Avenue Bridge, owned by H. V. Partelow & Co. Cause unknown. Total loss. Value of buildings, machinery, and stock, \$6,000; insured for \$5,000, insurance paid, \$3,000.

Jan. 2, 1893. Dwelling house and contents on Glen Road, owned by Edward Jennings. Cause, "defective stove or lamp." Total loss. Value of house, \$750; insured for \$400; claim not yet adjusted. Value of contents, \$800; insured for \$500; claim not yet adjusted.

The Weston Fire Department is at present organized as follows:—

## HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 1.

FOREMAN.

F. H. GOWELL.

ASSISTANT FOREMAN.

THOMAS E. COBURN.

CLERK.

A. E. COBURN.

ENGINEMEN.

N. S. Fiske.

William Rielly.

F. T. Tobin.

William Quinn.

A. L. Brown.

C. L. Berry.

J. N. Guthrie.

J. S. Bamford.

Herbert Lewis.

A. L. Vittum.

G. N. Stevens.

A. H. Garfield.

Roland Rand.

SUBSTITUTES.

F. A. Tucker.

Howard C. Richardson.

H. A. Harding.

Everett Vittum.

The changes in the membership of this company during the year, are as follows : —

*Resigned.* — Engineman: C. B. Floyd.

*Elected.* — Engineman: Roland Rand; Substitute: Sidney E. Tyler, Jr., who died February 19, 1893.

## HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 2.

FOREMAN.

B. R. PARKER.

ASSISTANT FOREMAN.

J. J. BROWN.

CLERK.

C. A. FREEMAN.

## ENGINEMEN.

E. O. Clark.  
N. Barker, Jr.  
J. M. Smith.  
P. J. McAuliffe.  
Charles Keeley.  
W. P. Gould.

J. F. Lamson.  
H. P. Heard.  
E. J. Clark.  
Sidney B. Ross.  
Frank Hews.  
James W. Tozier.

A. M. Cheney.

## SUBSTITUTES.

H. L. Brown.  
L. E. Roberts.

B. H. Dickson, Jr.  
A. S. Burrage.

J. H. McAuliffe.

The changes in the membership of this company during the year, are as follows : —

*Resigned.* — Enginemen: M. E. French, F. T. Fuller, W. N. Gowell, J. H. McAuliffe, G. W. Kenney, Ralph Kenney, and W. M. Riley.

*Elected.* — Enginemen: Sidney B. Ross, A. M. Cheney, W. M. Riley, Charles Keeley, Frank Hews, James W. Tozier, and W. P. Gould; Substitute: J. H. McAuliffe.

The subjoined letters furnish particulars as to the services rendered by the Fire Department during the year.

WESTON, MASS., March 9, 1893.

MR. FRANCIS BLAKE:

*Dear Sir,* — In reply to a request of Mr. Jennison in regard to the fires that Hook and Ladder, No. 1, have responded to during the past year.

SUNDAY, April 5, 1892.

To-day at 1.30 P. M., Company No. 1 was called out to a fire in woods of Mr. A. S. Fiske and Dr. Edwin Bradbury. Seventeen members responded including two substitutes. After a hard fight of one hour the fire was subdued. Cause of fire, boys out



hunting with fire-arms. On the return an alarm of fire was given from the factory that proved to be the grass in the field around the factory ; no damage ; caused by cars.

THURSDAY, April 7, 1892.

At 11 A. M., fire was started in woods just over the Waltham line beyond Mr. Geo. Trask's place, the fire being started by the owner so as to burn over the land ; eight members present.

SUNDAY, April 24, 1892.

At 2.45 P. M., eight members of Company No. 1 responded to an alarm of fire located on Central Avenue back of the Baptist church, in grass and wood land. On arriving on the scene, found the fire under control, returned to house at 4 P. M. At 5 P. M., fire was discovered in the woods back of District school-house No. 4. Eight members worked hard for one hour before the fire was subdued.

THURSDAY, July 7, 1892.

At ten o'clock this evening thirteen members responded to an alarm of fire on the Cheney estate on Concord Street. Returned to house at twelve o'clock. The barn being burnt and house saved.

Yours truly,

A. E. COBURN,

*Clerk, H. & L. No. 1.*

WESTON, March 9, 1893.

MR. FRANCIS BLAKE:

*Dear Sir,*— In answer to a letter from Mr. Jennison requesting me to make a report to you of service rendered by Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, I would say that there is so little to report that would add to our clerk's report, that I feel doubtful of its being of any use to you.

There were three fire calls: first, July 7, at 9 P. M., Cheney fire, barn burned; second, July 16, at 7 P. M., Sargent slaughter house, in edge of Lincoln; third, Oct. 11, at 1.30 P. M., woodland of M. L. Hews.

In regard to the Cheney and Sargent fires, the buildings were about burnt up before the alarm was given us, they being some distance from us; the Hews fire was a brush fire, *i. e.*, a running fire in underbrush and was put out by the company before it gained much headway.

Yours, etc.,

B. R. PARKER,  
*Foreman H. and L., No. 2.*

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

### ALMSHOUSE.

Mr. George W. Henderson and his wife have continued in charge of the almshouse during the current year, and have discharged their duties to the full satisfaction of the Board.

During the year the Board have expended for maintenance of almshouse buildings fully one fourth of the total sum drawn from the town treasury on account of support of the poor. The house has been reshingled; the chimneys, which have been very unsafe for a long time, have been rebuilt; and the interior of the barn has been so changed as to make the stable accommodations much more comfortable and convenient.

The farm expenses have been unusually large this year from the fact that the wagons, sleds and many other articles, after years of service, had become so badly worn that it

would not have been economical to have again repaired them : Consequently new and substantial ones have been bought, as will be seen by reference to the subjoined financial statement.

The Board deem it important to call particular attention to the foregoing items which, as they cover many years' depreciation of the almshouse plant, should certainly be classed as "extraordinary expenditures." It is obvious that a fair estimate of this year's current expenses at the almshouse should include a certain proportionate part only of these extraordinary expenditures. In view of the present improved condition of the buildings and farm equipment, it is safe to say that under prudent management the *per capita* almshouse expenses can be greatly reduced for some years to come.

It is recommended that a separate appropriation be made for "outside relief." In the judgment of the Board, it is much better to give what promises to be temporary relief outside, than to require all applicants for aid to go to the almshouse. In many cases of outside relief the exertions of family or friends will in a short time enable the persons so assisted to care for themselves ; while an entry into the almshouse tends to the establishment of perpetual pauperism.

The following is a list of persons who have received support at the almshouse during the year.

NAME.	AGE.	ADMITTED.
Mrs. Harriet Dudley,	65 yrs.	March 1, 1884.
Mrs. John L. Seaverns,	70 "	Dec. 22, 1885.
Joseph Seaverns,	52 "	Dec. 22, 1885.

Present number of inmates 3 ; tramps cared for during the year, 323.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## RECEIPTS.

For Milk . . . . .	\$1,038 59
Eggs and poultry . . . . .	105 70
Corn and beans . . . . .	205 81
Peas . . . . .	75 00
Pickles . . . . .	30 24
Cows and calves . . . . .	122 50
Wood . . . . .	5 50
Horses . . . . .	67 30
Board . . . . .	8 50
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Total receipts at farm . . . . .	\$1,659 14
Received from the Treasury . . . . .	\$915 76
Cash on hand March 1, 1892 . . . . .	19 83
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	\$935 59
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	\$2,594 73



## DURING THE YEAR.

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid George W. Henderson, Superintendent, month of	
March, 1892 . . . . .	\$25 00
Eleven months to March 1, 1893 . . . . .	297 92
Groceries and provisions . . . . .	317 73
Hay and grain . . . . .	454 21
Brewer's grains . . . . .	170 12
Seeds . . . . .	38 14
Labor . . . . .	142 62
Fertilizer . . . . .	39 10
Blacksmith . . . . .	27 37
Tools . . . . .	21 15
Repairs on wagons, etc. . . . .	17 43
Cows . . . . .	252 20
Fuel . . . . .	23 37
Bedding for tramp room . . . . .	9 30
Incidental expenses . . . . .	28 60
Medical attendance and medicine . . . . .	20 00
Household goods and clothing . . . . .	33 19
Veterinary surgeon . . . . .	12 35
Lumber . . . . .	14 10
Horse . . . . .	150 00
Two-horse sled . . . . .	40 00
Two-horse wagon . . . . .	125 00
Set double harness, blankets, etc. . . . .	59 40
Mason, rebuilding chimneys . . . . .	40 00
J. S. Gould, repairing house and barn . . . . .	212 84
Cash in hands of superintendent . . . . .	23 59
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	\$2,594 73

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

The following persons have been assisted during the year.

Mrs. Mary Veno of Waltham . . . .	\$90 50
William H. H. Gates of Weston . . . .	20 86
Lorenzo Leadbetter of Weston . . . .	53 71
Mrs. Susan Hall, charged to City of Boston .	107 08
Annie Whitmore, a foundling, transferred to State Board of Lunacy and Charity . .	7 79
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	\$279 94

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Amount paid for board of W. Sidney Rice .	\$208 53
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## SUMMARY.

Expenditures on account of Alms- house. . . . .		\$915 76
Expenditures on account of Outside Relief . . . . .	\$279 94	
Less amount charged to Boston . . .	107 08	172 86
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Expenditures on account Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief . . . . .		208 53
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Total . . . . .		\$1,297 15

## TOWN RECORDS.

The most important work of the year, under this heading, is the printing of the volume of precinct and town records from 1746 to 1803. This work is well advanced, and the

publishers assure the Board that the one thousand copies contracted for will be delivered in time for distribution before the date of the annual meeting.

In their list of appropriations recommended for next year, the Board have included an item of \$900 for the purpose of securing one thousand printed copies of the volume of town records from 1804 to 1826.

It is believed that an examination of the volume now in press will convince the Town of the wisdom of continuing the work of publication, until all our records shall be rescued from their present liability to loss or destruction.

The subjoined letter shows that the work already done on the town records is highly appreciated by the Commissioner of Public Records of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC RECORDS.  
9 PARK STREET, BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1893.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, WESTON, MASS.

*Gentlemen,*—I desire to express my great gratification in the interest taken in the preservation of the records and papers of the town of Weston, and to congratulate the townsfolk upon the excellent and thorough manner in which the work of putting the files of papers in condition for preservation has been performed. In my annual report for 1893 I have called attention to this action of Weston in the hope that it may be an incentive to other towns to do likewise.

The printing of the early records is their only absolute safety. Much of the paper in use to-day is made of wood and will crumble. Most of the ink will fade, and fire or decay may destroy a single volume, but by the multiplication of printed copies the preservation of a record is assured. The action of the town in commencing the printing of its records is, therefore, to be commended, and must prove of benefit, not only to the town, but to all interested in the history of our old Commonwealth as it is written in the early records of its towns.

Very respectfully yours,

ROBERT T. SWAN,  
*Commissioner.*

During the year, Miss Mary Frances Peirce has read the proof sheets of the volume now in press, and has finished her general work upon the town records. The extraordinary skill and diligence which she has brought to this task are well indicated in her report subjoined. The only criticism of Miss Peirce's work is, in the words of the Commissioner of Public Records, that "she has done it too well."

TO THE SELECTMEN OF WESTON :

*Gentlemen*,—I have finished the examination of the Town Records, and have made an inventory of the town documents. No tidings have yet been received of the missing First Volume, although I have made inquiries of many individuals and at the various County Offices in East Cambridge, where I thought that it might have been carried. I found an allusion to the book under date of May 15, 1780, when a committee, chosen for ascertaining the Meeting-house lot, report that they "find Recorded in said Town's Record in the year 1722 Given by Benjamin Goddard . . . a gift of land." Dr. Kendal, writing in 1812, and evidently having the book to refer to, says under date of 1700, "we find nothing more of Mr. Symmes [ who had been called to the ministry ] in the precinct records." In the Watertown Records, Dec. 2, 1712, a month before the incorporation of Weston, we find, "as doth appear by a Coppy of the Record Book of s<sup>d</sup> farmers precinct." The copy of a town way, now Lexington Street, laid out May 16, 1716, still preserved in our files, is said to be "taken from Weston's First Book of Records, page 24." A copy of a different road, laid out March 1, 1730-31 was "Extracted out of Weston's Book of Records, page 130-131." This was probably a book of about four hundred pages, and contained first the Precinct then, after 1712-13, the Town Record. I have found no other allusion to it until Dr. Bond, in 1852, in his History of Watertown, reports the first volume of the Town Records of Weston as missing.

An inventory of the town's books and papers and other property was made in 1840. This was printed and placed on file. If it had been itemized, we should be able to say whether the book was lost previous to that date. It mentions, among other things, "Six school-houses and the land on which they stand"; "The Book case and trunk with the Town Clerk, and Records of the town"; and "Four.



small trunks with the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, containing their books and papers." The committee were Chester Dickinson, Alpheus Bigelow, Jr., and Isaac Jones. If the first volume was missing at that time, it seems strange that it was not mentioned. The Town Clerk at that time was Dr. Benjamin James, a very careful town officer. He became Town Clerk in 1828. Previous to that time he had been one of the assessors, beginning with the year 1826. I found all the old Tax Sheets, running back to 1761, marked and dated on the outside in his handwriting. The newspaper covering of one, without original date, was marked "supposed 1793," with the initials B. J. All the loose papers belonging to the office for some years previous to his election, as well as those accumulated during his own term of service, he left carefully filed. He closed the last page of his records with these words, *Jamque opus exegi* (and now I have finished the work). I can well believe that he had lost nothing committed to his charge.

The missing book must have contained the records of the precinct (separated from Watertown for church purposes only) from about 1698 to 1712-13, when Weston was incorporated as a town. The precinct records then became town records, which were undoubtedly continued in the same book in which the precinct records had been kept, until 1754. Ten years before this last date, in 1744, the inhabitants of the north part of Weston, with parts of Lexington and Concord, complaining of their distance from the places of public worship, petitioned the General Court that they might form a precinct by themselves. This was granted in 1746. Those of the inhabitants of Weston, who still worshipped in the old church, formed what was called the First Precinct. Since this no longer comprised the whole town, it became necessary to keep its records separate from those of the town, and a new book was purchased and labelled "Records of the First Precinct." These cover thirty-one pages and were continued until 1754, when the new precinct, which had been formed of parts of three towns, was incorporated as a town under the name of Lincoln. The records of the First Precinct were now discontinued, since the precinct and town covered the same territory. The book was taken for the Town Records, beginning March 4, 1754, the paging beginning anew. This book, ending 1803, is the one that the town, last year, voted to print.

A few years ago it was thought that the town had never had an earlier record book, since, on the first page of this, in the call for the

meeting of the First Precinct it says, "Never before assembled." But the extracts already given show that view to have been incorrect.

Printed reports have not always been filed or they have since been removed. The Treasurer's report, printed May 1, 1834, is not now on file. In March, 1843, three hundred school reports were printed for the previous year. This covered but a single sheet. The original written copy remains, but there is no printed one. In 1847, three hundred copies of twelve pages each were printed, but not one remains. Neither is there a written report for that year. The same is true of the report for the year 1850, covering eight pages. Both of these are in the office of the Board of Education. We have a printed copy of the school report for the years ending March, 1855, 1859, 1860, and 1861. The last contains also the Treasurer's report and a catalogue of books added to the Library. From that time, with two exceptions, all the reports have been printed together, and bear the title, "Reports of the Town of Weston." The first so named was for the year ending March 31, 1862. The two exceptions are for the years 1877-78 and 1878-79. The School Reports for those years were printed separately, owing to delay in sending in the written reports. There is no reason, however, why they should not be considered a part of the Town Report, as usual. The second of these, the School Report for 1878-79, was by accident, I suppose, omitted in the binding of the two volumes, now in the town safe. The copy in the Town Library is complete. As it is desirable that the town should possess more than one complete copy, citizens are requested to furnish 1861, 1862, and "School Report, 1878-79," none of which are on file; also 1863, 1864, 1886, of which we have but one copy, and 1859, 1860, 1865, 1873, and 1878, of which we have but two. Anything previous to 1859 is especially desired.

The Selectmen seem to have been careless with their records, at times. In 1784, the town voted that the Treasurer and the Selectmen should keep their accounts "in a separate book from the Town Clerk's book." The Treasurer's books, beginning with that date, are preserved; but there is no Selectmen's book previous to 1796. If there ever was one, it has been lost. It must have been the size of an ordinary writing book, but thicker, as that is the style of the first one now remaining. It covered a period of twelve years. There is again no book for the years 1853 to 1858. Those who were Selectmen at that time say that no book was kept. As a consequence, it has been thought best to put into the town safe all loose papers pertaining to that

period. Some of these, Selectmen's orders, etc., were destroyed a few years ago.

The Assessors have recorded the taxes in books prepared for that purpose, since 1828. The loose sheets previous to that time have been mounted and bound, as I mentioned in a previous report. The law now requires that the Collector's books shall be returned and preserved. Many of these are probably still in private hands. Quite a number came into my possession the past year. A small trunk full of Highway Surveyor's Lists was found by the Janitor in the attic of the Town House. All these have been put into presentable condition and given into the custody of the Town Clerk. As the tax lists are so often resorted to by those interested in genealogy, it would be well if the Assessors would take more pains to ascertain the correct spelling of the names. I seldom find my own as I write it myself.

I have found no trace of the original map of 1830 apart from the one now on file in the office of the Secretary of State. The bill for this, presented in 1832, was fifty dollars.

Since my last report I have succeeded in completing the list of Town Clerks. I feel confident of its correctness. In some cases I found the signature on Town papers or in the County Files, in others I determined by a study of the handwriting. The Precinct Clerks from 1746 to 1754 were also Town Clerks, as is shown by a comparison of their handwriting with that seen in the record of births and deaths. The list of officers for 1749 is missing (a few pages having been lost from the records previous to rebinding), but I found the signature of John Walker, Town Clerk, 1749, in the County Files. The following is a complete list of the Town Clerks: —

## TOWN CLERKS.

1713-1718,	Francis Fulham.
1719-1721,	Ebenezer Allen.
1722,	Benjamin Brown.
1723-1725,	Joseph Woolson.
1726-1728,	Joseph Livermore.
1729,	Benjamin Brown.
1730-1731,	Ebenezer Allen.
1732,	Joseph Woolson.
1733-1734,	Nathaniel Goddard.
1735,	Ebenezer Allen.
1736,	John Mirick.
1737-1738,	Ebenezer Allen.
1739-1741,	John Mirick.
1742-1744,	Josiah Livermore.
1745,	James Mirick.
1746-1748,	Elisha Jones.
1749,	John Walker.
1751-1753,	Nathan Fiske.
1754,	Elisha Jones.
1755,	Nathan Fiske.
1756-1757,	Elisha Jones.
1758-1767,	Braddyl Smith.
1768-1769,	Josiah Smith.
1770-1775,	Samuel Baldwin.*
1776-1780,	Joel Smith.
1781-1803,	Isaac Hobbs.
1804-1827,	Isaac Fiske.
1828-1846,	Benjamin James.
* 1847-1863, Sept. 24,	Nathan Hager.
1864 to date,	George W. Cutting.

Six Town Deeds, dated 1782, 1803, 1842, 1843, 1845, 1845, have just been recorded at East Cambridge. Two others dated 1790 and 1833 have never been acknowledged and therefore could not be recorded. I will give a list of the

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\* From Sept. 24, 1863, to March 7, 1864, there were several clerks, *pro tem.*, and in 1856, John A. Lamson held the office for one meeting.



## DEEDS BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

1715-16, March 21. — Jonathan Cooledge for a meeting-house three fourths of an acre. This deed is now in the possession of the First Parish.

1722. — Benjamin Goddard's Gift of Land. (See below.)

1780, May 15. — Report of Committee "for assurtaining the meting house lot." [They report the finding of Cooledge's deed, and also "find Recorded in said Towns Records in the year 1722, Given by Benj. Goddard to a comidate the new meeting house lot a gift of land."]

1781, March 5. — Report of Committee to Treat with Josiah and Joel Smith in settling the Bounds of the Town Land near the Meeting House.

1782, Apr. 9. — Josiah Smith's "Quitclaim Deed of land about the meeting house." ["A final settlement."]

1784-5, Oct. 5. — Abraham Jones, 7 acres in the south part of the town.

1790, Jan 1. — Capt. Isaac Jones,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, Central Burying Ground.

1790, Jan. 1. — Increase Leadbetter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, South Burying Ground.

1794, Feb. 18. — Isaac Jones, West Centre School House.

1803, March 10. — Joel Smith, Quitclaim, land near Meeting-house.

1810, Apr. 26, Elijah Kingsbury to Cooper Garfield  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres [Private?]

1833, Nov. 11. — Henry Cooledge et als, Highway.

1834, May 13. — Isaac and Stephen A. Jones,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres, (Central Burying Ground Extension.)

1834, Aug. 22. — Jonas Hastings, North-East School House.

1834, Sept. 12. — Alpheus Cutter, old East Centre School House.

1839, Nov. 1. — Amos Harrington, Old Burying Ground, recorded 1846.

1842, Feb. 20. — Wm. Hastings and Mark C. Sibley, Highway.

1843, Oct. 30. — Indenture of Isaac Fiske, exchange of land at Central Burying Ground.

1845, May 22. — Alpheus Cutter, Highway.

1845, May 22. — John Powars, Highway.

1849, Nov. 5. — Clarissa Smith, Part of Town House land.

1853, July 27. — Luke Brooks, East Centre School House.

1853, Jan. 14. — Jonas Hastings, North East School House.

- 1853, Nov. 1. — Almira Brown, South West School House.  
 1853, Nov. 1. — Samuel F. Clark, South West School House.  
 1853, Nov. 1. — Abijah Coburn, South East School House.  
 1870, Apr. 9. — Mark C. Sibley, Highway.  
 1873, Aug. 5. — Marshall Hews, nine acres, with plan, New Burying Ground.  
 1873, Nov. 1. — Hannah R. Fiske and others, Road to New Burying Ground.  
 1875, March 29. — Henry J. White, land for High School House.  
 1885, June 1. — Charles T. Hubbard, Highway with Plan.  
 1885, Feb. 7. — Sophronia I. Flint, collector's deed.  
 1885, Dec. 24. — Henry J. White, School House Extension.  
 1889, Jan. 3. — D. S. Lamson, Trustee.  
 1889, Jan. 7. — First Parish to town of Weston.  
 1889, June 4. — Henry J. White, School-House Extension.  
 1892, Dec. 31. — Charles Wells Hubbard. About nineteen acres on East Newton Street. A gift for a public common and park.

With the exception of certain deeds and the map of 1794 and the call for a Town Meeting in 1715, now in the possession of the First Parish, and framed with their deed, all miscellaneous papers previous to 1800 belonging to the town have been pasted into four scrap-books and are now in the town safe, so that files previous to 1800 are not mentioned in the Inventory. All papers not belonging to the town have been returned to their respective owners.

The following is the inventory of records and papers belonging to the town of Weston : —

- Auditor's book, 1881 to date.  
 Almshouse (*See* Poor House).  
 Auctioneer, Sealer of W. and M. (appointment of), 1826-1839.  
 Assessors (*See* Taxes).  
 Bills receipted (Files), 1800-1889.  
 Birth, Deaths, and Marriages, Book No. 1, 1713-1750.  
     "      "      "      "      "      "      2, 1750-1813.  
     "      "      "      "      "      "      3, 1815-1843.  
     "      "      "      "      "      "      4, 1844-1849.  
 Births, Vol. 1, 1848 to date.  
 Deaths, Vol. 2, 1848 to date.  
 Marriages, Vol. 3, 1848 to date.

Index to Vol. 1; to Vol. 2; to Vol. 3.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages, certified copy of No. 1. (1711), 1713-1750.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages, certified copy of No. 2, 1750-1813.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages, certified copy of Nos. 3 and 4, 1815-1849.

NOTE. — A few dates earlier than 1713 are found scattered through No. 1. Mrs. E. B. Knox has recently put into my hands the record of marriages and deaths kept by Rev. Samuel Woodward, 1751-1782. A partial examination of this has given over seventy names not on the Town Record.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages; copy of No. 1; uncertified and inexact.

Marriage Intentions, 1844-1893.

Marriage Intentions: Files, 1713-1849; 1856; 1860.

Bonds of Collectors and other officers: Files, 1826-52; 1857-76.

Broadsides, portfolio of printed, forty in number, 1771-1812.

Broadsides, with bound tax-sheets, indexed 1769-1827.

Burial Ground Record, 1840 to date.

Cautions, Warnings, 1757-1803.

NOTE. — This book was begun sometime between 1770 and 1775, as the first part is in the handwriting of Samuel Baldwin, who was Town Clerk during that period. It is probably the book bought for the use of the Town, 1774-75, £0-8-10. The book is a copy. The greater part of the originals from 1757 to 1781 have been preserved. A few have been removed by some person since the copy was made.

Church Bell, bills of Paul Revere, three, Files, 1801.

“ Membership, Certificates of, Files, 1800-1827.

Deeds. — See list already given.

Division Lines, fences, etc. Files. — 1803-1856.

Dog Licenses. 1879 to date.

Fires, Book of Records of 1887 to date.

Highways. — Files. — 1804-1872.

Library, Catalogue of Accessions, 1858-1881.

“ Catalogue of Accessions, 1881 to date.

“ Treasurer's account with, 1858 to date.

“ Trustees Order Book.

“ Bills, receipts, etc., 1858-1880; 1886-1888.

Map of Weston, 1687, S. W. Corner, in office of Secretary of State, copied by M. F. Peirce and placed in scrap-book.

Map of Weston, 1794, original and copies, by Bowditch.

Map of Weston, 1830, in office of Secretary of State, copied by M. F. Peirce.

Map of Congressional Districts, 1842.

Marriages, See Births, etc.

Meeting-House repairs in 1800 (Files).

Merriam Fund for the silent poor, Treasurer, 1865 to date.

Merriam Fund for the silent poor (Files), 1683-1769.

Miscellaneous Papers in Scrap-Book, 1683-1769.

“ “ “ “ 1770-1788.

“ “ “ “ 1789-1793.

“ “ “ “ 1794-1799.

“ “ on File, 1801 to date.

Mortgages, book of personal, 1832-1858.

“ record of 1859 to date.

“ law suits, attachments, &c., files 1837-1862.

Naturalization, record of notices for, 1889 to date.

Oaths of office, files 1828-1864.

Parish, Records of the First, 1709-1743.

“ “ “ “ 1744-1815.

“ “ “ “ continued to date.

Perambulation papers — a few missing — 1801-1864.

Plan of Central avenue, 1889.

“ “ Church street, 1883.

“ “ Lexington street, 1886.

“ “ Newton street, 1885.

“ “ proposed new street from corner of Sudbury and Concord streets, 1887.

“ “ South avenue, 1875.

“ “ Town house alteration, 1880.

“ “ line between Weston and Needham, 1866.

“ “ “ “ “ “ Waltham in scrap book, 1763.

“ “ “ “ “ “ Wayland, 1861.

“ “ “ “ Messrs. Shattuck and Stimpson, (2 plans) 1863.

“ “ road from Anthony Irving to Abraham Loker, 1868.

Poor House, an account of, two pages in Selectmen's book, 1798.

“ “ Overseers' Record, 1834-1862.

“ “ “ “ inmates, expenses, etc., 1862 to date.

“ Farm, Superintendent's book, 1839-1844.

“ “ “ “ 1845-1848.



Poor Farm, Superintendent's book, list of inmates, 1829-1860.

“ “ Selectmen's orders, 1820-1822 ; 1831.

“ “ Bills receipted, files, 1839-1890.

“ “ miscellaneous papers, files, 1800-1876.

Rebellion Record and War of 1812, filed and boxed, 1861-1863.

“ Printed orders and circulars concerning the, 1862-1864.

Register of Voters, 1884 to date.

Registrars of Voters, book of, 1890 to date.

Schools, Files, 1804-1867.

“ Expenditure by districts, 1830-1856.

“ with Teachers' names, 1836-1856.

“ Register, 1852.

“ Reports written and Filed, 1807, &c., also 1839-1859.

“ “ separately printed 1856, 1859, 1860, 1877-78, 1878-79.

NOTE. — School Reports, written, are missing for 1847 and 1850.

“ “ printed, are missing for 1843, 1847, 1850.

(See call elsewhere for others.)

Scrap Books (*See* Miscellaneous Papers).

Selectmen's Records, 1784-1796, missing.

“ “ 1796-1812.

“ “ 1812-1852.

“ “ No Record kept for 1853-1858.

“ “ 1858-1879.

“ “ 1880-1889.

“ “ 1889-to date.

“ “ Document Files, No. 1, 1890-1892.

“ “ Document Files, No. 2, 1892-to date.

Selectmen's Orders (1874 missing), 1859-1889.

“ Order Book Stubbs, twenty-six in number, 1851-1889.

Soldiers' Bounty, Receipts for, 1862.

State Aid, First Book, 1866-1892.

“ “ Second Book, 1892-to date.

Stray and Lost Goods, Weston's Book of, 1717-1779.

“ “ “ Files, 1824-1854.

Stubbs, Book of Orders, twenty-six, 1851-1889.

“ “ Checks on Waltham Bank, three, 1882; 1886; 1886-1889; 1889-1891.

Stubbs, Book of Dog Licenses, one, 1879 to date.

Taxes and Valuation Papers, bound and indexed, 1757-1775.

“ “ “ bound and indexed, 1775-1797.

Taxes and Valuation Papers, bound and indexed, 1798-1801.  
 " " " bound and indexed, 1802-1808.  
 " " " bound and indexed, 1809-1818.  
 " " " bound and indexed, 1819-1827.

Taxes, Assessors' Record of, 1828-1837.

" " " 1838-1845.  
 " " " 1846-1859.  
 " " " 1860-1877.  
 " " " 1878-1890.  
 " " " 1891 to date.

Small books of Invoice two (B. Peirce), 1843-1844.

Sheets unbound, H. Surveyor's lists, incomplete, 1842-1859.

Collector's List (B. Peirce, Jr.), 1847-1856.

" " (H. Hews), 1862-1877.

Tax Collector's Account with the Treasurer, 1834-1889.

" Memorandum Books (H. Hews), 1862-1885.

Tax Books provided by the State, large, 1862-1892.

Town Clerk's Record Book (and Precinct, 1698-1712) to 1754, lost.

" " " (and Precinct, 1746-1754), 1754-1803.  
 " " " 1804-1826.  
 " " " 1827-1845.  
 " " " 1846-1882.  
 " " " 1882 to date.

Town Reports, 2 vols. bound (School Report, 1878-79, omitted),  
 1861-1890.

Town Reports, 2 vols. bound in Town Library, 1861-1890.

" " unbound (odd numbers unnoticed) 1891 to date.

" Meeting Warrants (files), 1800 to date.

Treasurer's Book of Records, 1784-1815.

" " " 1815-1855.  
 " " " 1856-1885.  
 " " " 1885 to date.

" Account with Waltham Bank, 1870-1877; 1882-1885.

" Bills paid on orders (files) 1880-1889; 1889-to date.

" Book of accounts, 1870.

" Checks, files, 1876-1880.

" Library bills and orders (files), 1858-1887.

" Loan redeemed, Nos. 1 to 32 (files), 1863-1873.

" Notes paid (files), 1882-1888.

" Receipts for interest paid (files), 1882-1888.

I have placed on file from my own papers the regulations of the West Centre District School Library, 1842. This was kept in my father's house until the district libraries were absorbed in that of the town. These regulations were handsomely written by James Jones, Jr., a circumstance to which they owe their preservation. I also give the printed regulations in regard to the new school houses, 1852, which I do not otherwise find on file, as well as a pamphlet entitled "Reception of the Returned Soldiers," etc., published by order of the Selectmen, but no copy preserved.

The Town Clerk reports Vol. I of the Province Laws, and Vol. 100 of the Massachusetts Reports as missing from the Town Clerk's Office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY FRANCES PEIRCE.

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

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## NATIONAL AND GENERAL STATE ELECTION.

The full Board were present and discharged their legal duties at the National and General State Election held at the Town Hall, Weston, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1892. Two hundred and ninety-three ballots were cast. The canvass of votes for Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Representatives in General Court, resulted as follows:—

### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Bidwell and Cranfill, Prohibition . . . . .	31
Cleveland and Stevenson, Democratic . . . . .	92
Harrison and Reid, Republican . . . . .	161
Weaver and Field, People's Party . . . . .	2
Wing and Matchett, Socialist Labor . . . . .	0
Blanks . . . . .	7
Total . . . . .	<hr/> 293

## GOVERNOR.

William H. Haile, Republican . . . . .	143
Wolcott Hamlin, Prohibition . . . . .	30
Squire E. Putney, Socialist Labor . . . . .	14
William E. Russell, Democratic . . . . .	83
Henry Winn, People's Party . . . . .	1
Blanks . . . . .	22
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Total . . . . .	293

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

James B. Carroll, Democratic . . . . .	71
Edward Kendall, Prohibition . . . . .	32
William J. Shields, People's Party . . . . .	2
Charles N. Wentworth, Socialist Labor . . . . .	0
Roger Wolcott, Republican . . . . .	154
Blanks . . . . .	34
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## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT.

## EIGHTEENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Charles M. Bodge, of Waltham, Prohibition . . . . .	28
Fred E. Draper, of Waltham, Democratic . . . . .	77
Spencer O. Dyer, of Waltham, Prohibition . . . . .	19
Edward Fiske, of Weston, Democratic . . . . .	118
*Mahlon R. Leonard, of Waltham, Republican . . . . .	131
*Charles O. Morrill, of Waltham, Republican . . . . .	105
Blanks . . . . .	108
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Total . . . . .	586

## PUBLIC COMMON AND PARK.

At a special town meeting held Saturday, Dec. 31, 1892, it was voted to accept from Mr. Charles Wells Hubbard the gift of about nineteen acres of land on East Newton Street, and

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\*Elected by the combined votes of Weston and Waltham.



that the same should be dedicated forever to the use and enjoyment of the public, as a public common and park. Aside from its particular value to the inhabitants of Weston, the establishment of this park is of benefit to many other inhabitants of the Commonwealth. In connection with this subject we quote the subjoined editorial from the *Boston Herald* of Jan. 3, 1893.

#### PRESERVING CHARLES RIVER SCENERY.

The acceptance of the gift of a tract of land on the Charles River by the town of Weston, for a public park, last Saturday, is an event of far more than local significance. It affects the interests of Boston in an important manner. It will be observed that Mayor Matthews, in his inaugural yesterday, dwelt particularly upon the necessity of providing, in an enlightened fashion, for the metropolitan growth of Boston, and that one of the aspects which he emphasized was the improvement of the health and beauty of the city by the reservation of ample park lands in the surrounding country, and public ownership of the various riverways. This is in line with the investigations of the Metropolitan Park Commission, and it is understood that a comprehensive plan for meeting these needs will be reported to the Legislature at an early date. The commission is said to have been much impressed with the necessity of action looking to the public ownership of the banks of the Charles, both from a sanitary and recreative point of view. The park just presented to Weston, together with the recent action of Newton relating to a beautiful tract at Auburn-dale, makes a notable beginning toward securing the desired ends.

The new park in Weston, which is the gift of Mr. Charles Wells Hubbard of that town, comprises about nineteen acres of beautifully diversified meadow and woodland, bordering East Newton Street and the river, forming a part of the picturesque valley through which the Boston & Albany Railroad winds its way between Riverside and Wellesley Farms stations. So much interested have prominent citizens of Weston become in the proposed recommendations of the Metropolitan Park Commission, and so desirable do they regard the permanent preservation of the beauty of the river banks, that it is

understood that, in case the Legislature favorably considers the commission's report, Mr. Hubbard's example will be followed by further gifts of land, so that ultimately the entire frontage of the Charles in the town of Weston may be dedicated forever to the use and enjoyment of the public. This will not only preserve one of the most beautiful parts of the river, but will go a very long way toward securing the desired action relating to the entire stream.

The Charles River has the same value to the people of Boston and its metropolitan surroundings that the upper River Thames bears to the inhabitants of London. It is a great factor in the recreation of the people. Particularly important in this respect is the charming stretch between Newton Lower Falls and Waltham. Here alone over eight hundred pleasure craft of various kinds are kept.

This proposed gift of land on the Charles, aggregating something between two hundred and three hundred acres, is but one instance of the prospect of valuable gifts of the kind in other parts of the metropolitan district, in case the recommendations of the Metropolitan Park Commission are adopted. The prospect of such beneficent action on the part of public spirited citizens should prove one of the most powerful arguments for favorable action by the Legislature in relation to the work of the commission.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

May 16, 1892, the full Board, in company with the County Commissioners, inspected the old and dangerous bridge at the crossing of Forest Street over the line of the Massachusetts Central Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Subsequent correspondence and conferences with the railroad company have led to the building of a substantial, new bridge, and very great improvements in the highway approaches thereto.

June 24, 1892, the Board appeared before the Board of Railroad Commissioners and asked that the Boston & Albany Railroad Company be directed to furnish reasonable freight facilities to the inhabitants of Weston. As a result of this hearing and subsequent conferences with the railroad company, a side track has been established for the delivery of freight at East Newton Street.

Aug. 2, 1892, in response to a written request from the Mayor of Cambridge, the Board authorized the City of Cambridge to draw water from below the level of the dam of its reservoir or storage basin at Stony Brook, Weston, from date until Oct. 1, 1892.

October, 1892, two suits were entered against the Town by Patrick McManus and Ellen McManus whose alleged claims were mentioned in the report of last year. The defense of these suits is in the hands of able counsel.

During the year the Board have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of approved bills to the amount of \$27,901.88.

In conclusion, the Board note with satisfaction a substantial increase of tax receipts as a proof of the fact that the many natural advantages possessed by the town are appreciated by persons in search of suburban homes. It is to be hoped that the conduct of town affairs may be such as will encourage this most profitable form of growth.

HENRY J. JENNISON,  
FRANCIS BLAKE,  
NATHAN S. FISKE,  
*Selectmen of the Town of Weston.*

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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The money appropriated for highways at the annual town meeting has been expended on the several streets as follows : Ash Street, \$210 ; Brown Street, \$40 ; Bogle Street, \$65 ; Church Street, 210 ; Chestnut Street, \$50 ; Central Avenue, \$100 ; Crescent Street, \$25 ; Elm Street, \$50 ; Concord Street, \$210 ; Forest Street, \$325 ; Glen Road, \$350 ; Highland Street, \$240 ; Lincoln Street, \$10 ; Merriam Street, \$280 ; Newton Street, \$175 ; East Newton Street, \$60 ; North Avenue, \$700 ; Lexington Street, \$5 ; Oak Street, \$30 ; River Street, \$50 ; South Avenue, \$650 ; Sudbury Street, \$25 ; School Street, \$80 ; Viles Street, \$550 ; Wellesley Street, \$300 ; Winter Street, \$105. The balance of the money appropriated has been expended for covering stone, gravel, two sidewalk scrapers, blacksmith's bill, tools, and other incidental expenses which will be found in the itemized report of the Auditor.

The amount the town specified to be spent on Summer Street has been mostly spent on that part adjoining Central Avenue where it was most needed, and the street, its entire length, is now in good order for travel. As ordered by the town, your commissioners petitioned the County Commissioners to discontinue Loring Place as a county way ; and as there was another petition by some of the citizens of this town, and some non-residents to open and lay out said place, a time for a hearing was appointed for both parties.

It was decided by the County Commissioners that the street or place had better be relocated and put in order for

travel. It has been surveyed, a plan has been drawn, and it was to have been staked out in December, but the winter set in so severe that there has been nothing attempted up to the time of making this report. The County Engineer stated to one of your commissioners that he should stake it out as soon as the weather would permit. The County Engineer advised the Road Commissioners to ask for \$1,500 to put Loring Place in order.

Your commissioners have spent the money appropriated for highways where it was most needed, and are of the opinion that the streets at the end of the year would compare favorably with other years.

We would ask that the same amount of money be appropriated for roads, as last year, and if this request is granted we could widen and grade some of the back streets without extra appropriations.

Guideboards are maintained at the following places : —

Corners of — North Avenue and Lexington Street, North Avenue and Church Street, North Avenue and Forest Street, Concord and Merriam Streets, North Avenue and Lincoln Street, Concord and Sudbury Streets, Central Avenue and Concord Street, Central Avenue and School Street, Central Avenue and Wellesley Street, Wellesley Street and Newton Street, Newton and Ash Streets, South Avenue and Wellesley Street, South Avenue and East Newton Street, South Avenue and River Street, River Street and Loring Place, Winter and Brown Streets.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. CUTTER,

M. L. UPHAM,

THOMAS E. COBURN,

*Road Commissioners of Weston.*



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

	TERM EXPIRES.
CHARLES F. RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i> . . .	March, 1895
NAHUM SMITH . . . . .	" 1894
F. H. UPHAM . . . . .	" 1893

## SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REPAIRS.

Nahum Smith.

## SUB-COMMITTEE ON TEXT-BOOKS AND COURSE OF STUDY.

Nahum Smith.

F. H. Upham.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

JUSTIN E. GALE, *Principal*.

MISS SARAH W. HEARD, *Assistant*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . .	48
Average membership . . . . .	35
Average attendance . . . . .	33
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age .	26
Perfect in attendance for one year: Alger G. Pennock, Edward W. Sibley, O. Warren Kenny.	
Perfect as above, except one day of almost impassable roads: Fanny P. Bryden, Nathan B. Sherburne, Charles A. Poutas.	

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss HARRIET V. ELLIOTT, *Teacher, Spring Term.*

Miss EUDORA SANFORD, *Teacher, Fall and Winter Terms.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	.	.	55
Average membership	.	.	30
Average attendance	.	.	28
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age	.	.	6
“ “ under twelve years	.	.	5

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

*Fall and Winter Terms only (1892-93).*

Miss SUSIE E. CUTTER, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	.	.	27
Average attendance	.	.	23

Perfect in attendance three years : Charles E. Wark.

## CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Fall and Winter Terms only (1892-93).*

Miss LILLIE I. DUNN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	.	.	40
Average attendance	.	.	33

Not absent for one year : Ralph Eldridge, Edwin Fuller.

## EAST CENTRE SCHOOL.—No. 1.

*Spring Term only (1892).*

Miss SUSIE E. CUTTER, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	.	.	30
Average attendance	.	.	18

This school was closed after the Spring term, and the scholars transferred to the Central School.

## WEST CENTRE SCHOOL.—No. 2.

*Spring Term only (1892).*MISS LURA A. DUNN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . . 24

Average attendance . . . . . 22

This school was closed after the Spring term, and the scholars transferred to the Central School.

## NORTHWEST SCHOOL.—No. 3.

*Spring Term only (1892).*MISS LILLIE I. DUNN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . . 12

Average attendance . . . . . 11

This school was closed after the Spring term, and the scholars transferred to the Central School.

## NORTHEAST SCHOOL—No. 4.

MISS ANNA C. COBURN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . . 59

Average attendance . . . . . 40

Perfect in attendance for ten terms: Josephine M. Stevens.

For three years: Minora L. Brown, Albert C. Coburn.

For one year: Robert W. Tucker, Ethel J. Brown.

## SOUTHEAST SCHOOL—No. 5.

MISS LIZZIE S. VILES, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . . 49

Average attendance . . . . . 34

## SOUTHWEST SCHOOL — No. 6.

Miss PEARL E. MOORE, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . . . .	17
Average attendance . . . . .	12

The School Committee reports that the Primary Schools in Districts No. 4 and 5 are in their usual prosperous condition. The teachers, who so long have taught in these schools, make the most of their opportunities, and, in spite of the difficulties with which they contend — such as large numbers, many grades, and the mixed and varied work which these demand, — keep their schools at a level that will compare very favorably with that of like schools in the State.

In District No. 6 there has been a new teacher during the last two terms; and further a great interest was aroused in this District as to school matters by the agitation last summer in regard to closing this school. The school has done much better work than last year, the result, without doubt, of these two facts. There is an enrolment of seventeen scholars with an average attendance of twelve. It is expected that six of these will be ready to enter the Grammar School next September. The number of new scholars that will enter this school next year is not accurately known. It is not probable that they will more than make good the place of those that will be prepared for the Grammar School. The Committee is still of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the scholars, of the residents of the district, and of the whole town to have this school closed and all the scholars brought to the Central Building.

The Primary Schools in Districts Nos. 1, 2, and 3 have been closed and the children carried to the Central School-

house. This house was fitted up for their accommodation by dividing the upper hall into two school-rooms and by the addition of a new furnace. It has proved very satisfactory. The teachers report that the ventilation and heating are much better than in the old Primary Houses, and that the gathering of the different grades at one place has not been attended with so much friction as was feared.

Those three schools, in each of which had been six grades, were divided into two schools of three grades each. Miss Lillie Dunn teaches the three primary grades. The good work that Miss Dunn has so long done for the town has, under these new and more favorable circumstances, produced most acceptable results. The difference between her present school and her old one in District No. 3 is most marked. Her scholars now not only receive more attention and therefore more teaching, but they look happier, and best of all they are more interested in their work. Miss Dunn's opinion of the change is contained in the following letter: —

WESTON, MASS., Feb. 23, 1893.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

*Dear Mr. Russell,* — In spite of the fact that, owing to the increased size of my school, I have never worked so hard, nor been so tired, during the eighteen years I have taught, as I have been the past twenty weeks, I like the new school and think it is a success.

The children like the school and are very happy doing their work. They enjoy it so much that their parents find them unwilling to be absent even when sickness makes it necessary. I have been told of a few cases where the parents yielded to the children's wishes and allowed them to go to school when unfit to do so because of their disappointment and desire to be present.

It is difficult to see much ambition in a class of two or three scholars; but in larger classes as soon as the interest and attention is gained they learn from each other.

The discipline has been no trouble; being kept busy the scholars seem to have no desire to think of anything but study.



Although the winter has been unusually severe, the attendance has been good, and conveying the children prevents tardy marks.

The school-room is pleasant and comfortable. I appreciate the nice floor with heated rooms below. The complaint of cold feet, which has caused confusion in the two schools I have previously taught, the result of damp cellars and poorly laid floors, has not been heard here.

I should like single desks much better than double ones, as I think the children would be more self-reliant.

Yours sincerely, LILLIE I. DUNN.

The three Intermediate grades are taught by Miss Cutter. The same improvement reported as to Miss Dunn's room may also be seen here; — better work, more interest, more encouraging results. Miss Cutter's report to the Committee is herewith given: —

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

*Dear Sir,* — I have been asked to give my opinion of the success of our school from two terms' experience.

Of course, the first year is the most difficult and the benefits from the system less noticeable than later; for the scholars have come from different schools and each teacher has had a different method.

The means of ventilation and heating are better than in the old houses, and the rooms are very neatly kept by our janitor.

The classes being larger and the children being nearer the same age, more ambition is aroused on the part of the scholars to do well.

Then much general work can be given to all the scholars which would be impossible in an ungraded school. In singing and drawing, having but one class, the teacher can devote more time to these subjects than when having two or more classes.

Another great advantage is that the children have an opportunity to recite more frequently and a longer time can be given to each recitation.

The remark has been made that in the ungraded schools the youngest children learn much from listening to the higher classes. That may be, to a certain extent, true, but in a graded school all work is adapted to the understanding of every child in the room.

I would like to suggest that the master of the High School be principal of all the schools in the building.

SUSIE E. CUTTER.

In addition to these two reports from the teachers is given that of Mr. Gale : —

WESTON, Feb. 23, 1893.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

*Dear Mr. Russell,* — In reply to your inquiry I would say that it seems to me that the separation of grades put into effect at the Central Schoolhouse has worked admirably.

Miss Cutter now has children from about nine to twelve years of age, and Miss Dunn has those from about five to nine; whereas under the old working, each had to teach all the grades between, say, five and twelve years. The result of separating the grades seems to me to give each child nearly twice as much direct and personal attention and teaching as was possible under the old method. I shall be very much surprised if there does not appear a marked increase in the quantity and quality of the work done at the end of the year, as the direct result of the concentration of the teachers' work.

The methods of discipline, too, that are adapted to children of eleven and twelve years are not always the best for young children of five and six, and in this respect the separation of grades and ages has been advantageous.

Another point of importance is that all concerned, teachers, children, and parents, so far as I have heard, like the change, and are more interested in everything pertaining to the school work. It would be with great reluctance, I think, that any of them would revert to the old way.

Of course there are disadvantages in having the four schools, — High, Grammar, Intermediate, and Primary, — in the same building with but a single entrance hall, and with conflicting hours for recesses and closing. But these are evils that are not inherent in the system, and that might be remedied.

Yours very truly, JUSTIN E. GALE,

*Master of High School.*

As the schools are hardly more than well organized on the new plan, the Committee can but feel that these reports, confirming its own observation, show that its hopes have been fully realized; and it believes that scholars, teachers, and parents will unite with it in approving the change.

Miss Eliot having resigned the Grammar School to become principal of a High School elsewhere, Miss Sanford took charge of this school at the beginning of the Fall term. Though somewhat in ill health during the last term Miss Sanford has maintained the school in an excellent condition. The scholars are devoted to their work and need only to be guided, not urged, in their studies. The school is as large as the room will well accommodate, and your Committee believes that it is in an excellent state.

Justice has hardly been done to the schools that have so far been mentioned in the report, for fear that the whole number of commending adjectives would be exhausted before the High School was reached, and the need of a full supply was felt to express the Committee's satisfaction over the condition of this department. Mr. Gale has continued in charge during the past year and, with the efficient aid of Miss Heard, has raised the school to a higher level than it has ever before known. It has never before been so large. At one time during the last year there were not seats enough to seat the scholars. There has never been better teaching nor better learning. Here also has been created that thirst for knowledge which is the most precious result of education. The scholars are not now leaving the school before the course is finished, feeling that they have learned all they care to know, but are remaining to work after graduation. The whole temper of the school has changed, and the Committee is proud of this advance. It is confident that it does but voice the wish of the whole town when it expresses the hope that the teachers who have wrought this change may long continue in their places.

The course of study in the High School is not arranged to fit for college. Instead, it is arranged to give a general acquaintance with such subjects as will be of use in practical life.

But it is the desire of the Committee that no children in the town need go elsewhere to obtain any preparatory education, and the course is made flexible that this may be given. There is now in the High School one scholar fitting for Colby University, one for the Mass. Institute of Technology, two for Wellesley, and one for Smith College. This extra work can be done while we retain our present willing and capable teachers.

Financially, your Committee has fulfilled its engagements. It has altered the High School building, added to it the new heating apparatus, carried the children from District No. 3, and some of those from Districts 1 and 2, during the Fall term, and all of the children in these Districts not within easy walking distance during the winter term; has fewer outstanding bills than ever before, and has turned into the town treasury a sum more than sufficient to pay all of its liabilities. For the coming year it asks for the same sum given last year. With careful management this will carry on the schools on the new plan.

Much progress has been made in both music and drawing. The instruction in music has already begun to bear fruit outside the schools. In drawing there is now an optional advanced class in the High School. The Committee holds that the Town is fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. Boyd and Miss Howard in their respective departments.

As instructed by the Town your Committee began in September to carry the High and Grammar School children to the Central Building. The sum appropriated was not sufficient to do this, and it was only by combining this sum with what was available for carrying the Primary scholars that the service has been done. Owing to financial limitations the Committee has not been able to give perfect satisfaction with this service; but the citizens have recognized these

limitations and have ignored or overlooked what has sometimes seemed injustice. It was not at the suggestion of the Committee that the High and Grammar School scholars were conveyed, but as the Town thought best to do this and the experiment has worked well, the Committee advises that these scholars be carried for another year. It is sure that the Town will feel that the conveying of the children has been economically effected. Eleven hundred dollars will be needed for the transportation of the High and Grammar School children for the next year, and the Committee recommends that this sum be appropriated. The Committee cannot help being pleased with the advance that has been made in the schools of the Town, but it is not yet satisfied with them. A steady and conservative progress is what it aims at until our schools are as good as the best. On May 4, 1892, the Committee voted, "All bills shall be approved at regular meetings of the Committee and not otherwise, such meetings to be held on the fourth day of each month during the school year." On Feb. 6, 1893, the Committee voted: "When the majority of parents or guardians having children at school in any district wish the school closed, *and the Committee thinks it is advisable*, the Committee will close such school without further consulting the district, unless otherwise instructed by the Town."

(Signed)      CHARLES F. RUSSELL.  
F. H. UPHAM.



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

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The Trustees of Cemeteries report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893, as follows : —

Besides the usual work of caring for the cemeteries, a considerable amount of grading and similar work has been done in Linwood Cemetery.

Oak Avenue has been entirely graded, and the grading of Border Avenue has been completed. On these two avenues about forty lots have been grubbed up, graded, and made ready for occupation, and this section now forms one of the most attractive parts of the cemetery.

By these improvements the supply of loam on hand has been practically exhausted. A quantity of very valuable leaf-mould can probably be obtained during the coming season at little or no expense beyond the carting, at a distance of less than one mile from the cemetery. The trustees think that the opportunity should be availed of.

Owing to a demand for lots for single graves, the trustees have set apart the land bounded by Cedar Avenue, Ash Path and Beech Path, in the southeast corner of the cemetery, for this purpose, and have divided it into lots five feet by ten. The price of these lots has been fixed at five dollars each, and two of them have been sold and occupied.

Applications have been made by non-residents to purchase lots in the cemetery. The trustees have felt that these applications were partly due to the low price of the lots as

compared with lots in the cemeteries of neighboring towns and have felt obliged to refuse such offers unless some special reason, such as birth or former long residence in Weston, seemed to justify their acceptance. It is recommended, if the town desires to sell lots to non-residents, that a special price, at least double that charged to our own citizens, be required at such sales.

In order to indicate that Linwood Avenue is not a thoroughfare, but the entrance to the cemetery, it has been thought best to erect two substantial piers at its Central Avenue end. Owing to delay caused by the strike in the granite trade, these piers were not finished until late in the season. It is intended to provide them with suitable signs in the spring.

The fences on the north and south lines of Linwood Cemetery have been patched up to last one year longer, but the patching process cannot be carried much further.

The trustees are of the opinion that seven hundred dollars can be expended to advantage upon the cemeteries the coming year.

The financial account of the year is as follows:—

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00	
Sale of two lots for single graves . . . . .	10 00	
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#### EXPENDITURES.

L. F. Upham, labor . . . . .	\$371 46
B. Peirce, labor . . . . .	17 30
E. L. Bemis, labor . . . . .	12 68
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<i>Amount carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$401 44</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$401 44	
Amri Barker, labor	9 97	
Geo. W. Thompson, labor	5 00	
R. W. Stuart, labor	13 13	
F. W. Upham, surveying	4 00	
J. H. Hussey, piers and labor	422 27	
C. L. Keefe, articles for cemeteries	19 72	
G. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for cemeteries	15 00	
Herbert Seaverns, plants	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 53
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$109 47

LUTHER F. UPHAM,  
EDWARD COBURN,  
FREDERICK T. FULLER,  
*Trustees.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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In submitting the annual report of the Board, we would say that the reputation of the Town as standing high as to health and sanitary condition has been maintained during the past year. This fact is shown clearly by the few number of deaths and the low death rate. Whole number of deaths fifteen, which makes the death rate of Weston  $9.01 \div$  per 1,000 inhabitants, a remarkably small death rate. Last year the death rate was  $12.01 \div$ .

Weston is one of the most healthful towns of the State; for the twenty years 1871-90, Weston stood ninth out of all the towns in the State.

The general sentiment of the people of our town in regard to the need of such work as devolves upon the Board of Health to do, has advanced somewhat, as much perhaps as we could expect in a farming community like ours. But not a full appreciation of the work of the Board of Health exists, in view of what ought to be done, and from the fact that no appropriation of money is granted by the Town for the use of the Board.

The following summary gives an idea of part of the work performed by the Board during the past year.

The number of contagious diseases reported was seven. Three scarlet fever, three measles, one diphtheria.

These cases were carefully quarantined, and at the termination of the disease the premises were thoroughly fumigated.

One case of glanders in a horse was reported. By order of the State Cattle Commissioners the horse was killed and the body disposed of.

Two complaints of bad nuisances have been attended to.

The drainage and sanitary arrangements of three houses were put in a proper condition.

Four samples of well-water have been sent to the State Experiment Station at Amherst, for analysis.

The several slaughter houses in town have been inspected.

One application for license to board infants was approved.

In consulting authorities the Board was well advised in regard to precautions against cholera.

The law requires that certificates of death and the causes thereof shall be returned by undertakers and physicians, and burial permits granted by the local Board of Health or their agent; accordingly the Board appointed G. W. Cutting such agent.

By invitation of the Water Board of Cambridge, we inspected with them the places along the banks of Stony Brook, to see if there were any sources of pollution to the water; as several such places were found, which it was necessary to remedy, we joined with Cambridge in remedying them; the work and expense being assumed by the city of Cambridge.

The Board was represented at several meetings, in Boston, of the representatives from the cities and towns bordering on Charles River, to confer as to what it was best to do to preserve the banks of the river, not only in a sanitary condition, but also to make them attractive. The Chairman of the Selectmen, Mr. Henry J. Jennison, was delegated by our Board to represent the town at the final meetings, when a draft of a bill to be presented to the General Court, with this object in view was discussed and drawn up.

The Board has been favored gratuitously with the services



of Dr. F. W. Jackson, during the past year, as medical adviser of the Board, and hereby express our appreciation of them, knowing that in connection with our work they have been valuable to the town.

In the report of the Registrar will be found the list of deaths and the causes thereof, for the year ending Jan. 1, 1893.

MARCUS M. FISKE,  
BRENTON H. DICKSON, JR.,  
F. W. HASTINGS,

*Board of Health.*

WESTON, March 1, 1893.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STREET LIGHTS.

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Sum appropriated . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Balance from 1891, unexpended, . . . . .	72 83
	————— \$1,572 83
The sum expended for lighting and care of lamps the present year . . . . .	\$1,200 93
Globe Gas Light Co. for lamps and sundry articles . . . . .	327 04
	————— \$1,527 97
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Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$44 86

There are bills due, not rendered in season for this report, to about cover the amount unexpended. The number of lamps maintained the present year has been one hundred and eight.

Many of the lamps in present use are very unsatisfactory, smoking, giving uncertain light, difficult to regulate and keep in order; and if the present system of lighting is continued we would suggest an increased appropriation of three hundred dollars to replace those now in use, as they become unserviceable, by some of a different pattern. We recommend an appropriation of \$1,800.

Respectfully submitted by

ALONZO S. FISKE,  
HENRY L. BROWN,

*Commissioners.*

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

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### SCHOOLS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,900 00
Massachusetts School Fund . . . . .	274 41
J. E. Gale, Principal High School .	\$1,300 00
S. W. Heard, Assistant High School,	550 00
Harriet V. Elliott, Grammar School .	183 33
Endora Sanford, Grammar School .	337 50
Susie E. Cutter, Intermediate School,	425 00
Lillie I. Dunn, Centre Primary .	400 00
Lura A. Dunn, Prim. No. 2 School .	133 33
Annie C. Coburn, Prim. No. 4 School .	550 00
Mary J. Trask, Prim. No. 4 School .	60 00
Lizzie J. Viles, Prim. No. 5 School .	500 00
E. Agnes Parker, Prim. No. 6 School .	133 32
Pearl E. Moore, Prim. No. 6 School .	266 66
Janet L. Howard, Drawing . . .	300 00
C. E. Boyd, Music . . . . .	325 54
Amount of School Fund transferred to School Incidentals . . .	52 60
Amount transferred to Conveyance of Pupils . . . . .	414 00
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$5,931 28
Balance unexpended . . . . .	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$243 13

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$1500 00
Amount transferred from School fund . . . . .		52 60
George L. Baker, wood . . . . .	\$54 36	
D. J. Eldridge, wood . . . . .	83 25	
G. H. Stratton, wood . . . . .	30 50	
C. Emerson, coal . . . . .	135 28	
M. French, janitor High School . . . . .	60 00	
A. King, janitor High School . . . . .	76 00	
J. M. Smith, janitor for High School, . . . . .	77 88	
N. Smith, sundry persons, care of rooms . . . . .	34 00	
Geo. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for schools . . . . .	51 31	
J. E. Gale, articles for schools . . . . .	9 60	
Herbert Hall, articles for schools . . . . .	25 00	
J. L. Hammett, articles for schools . . . . .	1 80	
H. C. Kendall, diplomas . . . . .	1 25	
C. T. Sherman, repairing clocks . . . . .	2 25	
American Express Company, express, . . . . .	8 45	
J. Butler, labor at High School . . . . .	4 37	
J. E. Burke, labor at High School . . . . .	13 77	
Daniel Smith, labor at High School . . . . .	43 51	
J. M. Smith, labor at High School . . . . .	5 50	
W. N. Gowell, labor at High School, . . . . .	173 07	
W. N. Gowell, labor at Primary, No. 5 . . . . .	126 17	
<i>Amounts carried forward . . . . .</i>	<i>\$1,017 32</i>	<i>\$1,552 60</i>

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>	\$1,017 32	\$1,552 60
T. E. Coburn, labor at Prim., No. 4 .	84 11	
J. H. Hussey, labor at Prim., No. 4 .	33 25	
J. Count, labor at Prim., No. 6 .	30 00	
J. White, labor as per bill . . .	7 00	
Mrs. Sullivan, labor as per bill . .	2 50	
Kate Bowman, labor as per bill . .	2 00	
E. L. Bemis, labor as per bill . . .	2 00	
M. French, labor as per bill . . .	3 75	
Herbert Seaverns, labor as per bill .	5 00	
J. S. Gould, labor as per bill . . .	110 92	
John Laird, labor as per bill . . .	10 00	
J. J. Brown, labor as per bill . . .	2 75	
F. H. Kerwin, furnace and repairs .	242 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,552 60

## TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$400 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., text books .	\$10 00	
D. C. Heath & Co. . . . .	13 34	
Wm. Ware & Co. . . . .	16 65	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn . . . .	1 20	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co. . . . .	2 16	
J. L. Hammett . . . . .	14 00	
University Publishing Company . .	25 53	
American Book Company . . . .	47 55	
Boston School Supply Company . .	60 60	
Winkley, Dresser & Co. . . . .	2 12	
George H. Ellis . . . . .	17 25	
Geo. S. Perry . . . . .	58 89	
Silver, Burdett & Co. . . . .	17 20	
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*Amounts carried forward . . . . .* \$286 49 \$400 00



<i>Amounts brought forward . . . . .</i>	\$286 49	\$400 00
Ginn & Co. . . . .	30 00	
Mellin & Co. . . . .	3 14	
Frost & Adams . . . . .	21 35	
Thompson, Brown & Co. . . . .	6 67	
Ellingham, Maynard & Co. . . . .	8 40	
	<hr/>	\$356 05
Balance unexpended . . . . .		\$43 95

## TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00
A. Mudge & Son, printing town re- ports . . . . .	\$137 55
A. Mudge & Son, printing . . . . .	19 75
S. B. Kidder, printing . . . . .	1 75
Smith & Porter, printing . . . . .	8 25
E. L. Barry, printing . . . . .	21 91
S. C. Brown, cards . . . . .	16 00
Nathan Barker, Jr., constable . . . . .	79 00
J. M. Smith, constable . . . . .	11 50
F. H. Gowell, constable . . . . .	4 00
N. S. Fiske, constable . . . . .	3 00
M. French, constable . . . . .	3 00
J. M. Schwartz, constable . . . . .	3 00
M. L. Smith, constable . . . . .	6 00
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, art. for constable . . . . .	46 50
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, art. for Town How. . . . .	22 44
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<i>Amounts carried forward . . . . .</i>	\$383 65
	\$1,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward . .</i>	\$383 65	\$1,500 00
Geo. W. Cutting, recording deaths, births, and marriages . . . .	20 80	
Selectmen for Waltham, police . .	60 00	
Estes & Lauriat, articles for library .	29 31	
Library Bureau, articles for library .	2 25	
J. D. F. Brooks, binding library books . . . . .	30 00	
Library Committee, articles for library,	2 00	
F. G. Hews, distrib. town reports .	2 00	
E. H. Sherburne distrib. town reports,	1 25	
H. J. Jennison, sundry items . .	6 05	
N. S. Fiske, sundry items . .	5 25	
H. S. Sears, sundry items . .	3 00	
F. H. Gowell, sundry items . .	8 20	
F. W. Bigelow, sundry items . .	1 28	
M. French, sundry items Memorial Day . . . . .	5 50	
C. E. Boyd, music, Memorial Day .	5 00	
H. L. Brown, flowers, Memorial Day,	13 50	
Committee, Memorial Day . .	50 00	
Traders and Mechanic Ins. Co., insur- ance on the Town House . . .	30 00	
P. J. McAuliff, carriage hire . .	25 25	
Geo. L. Baker, carriage hire . .	3 00	
B. J. Dixon, Jr., articles for Board of Health. . . . .	4 31	
G. W. Cutting & Son, art. for lib. .	1 49	
P. A. Corrigan, watching fire . .	3 00	
F. R. Murdock, watching fire . .	3 00	
H. L. Brown, wood for Town House,	18 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward . .</i>	<hr/> \$717 09	<hr/> \$1,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> . . .	\$717 09	\$1,500 00
H. L. Brown, inspector of elections .	3 00	
Daniel Smith, inspector of elections .	3 00	
E. W. Russell, painting at Town House . . . . .	3 60	
Middlesex County recording By-Laws,	4 75	
Middlesex Registry of Deeds, recording deeds . . . . .	3 70	
Town of Lincoln tax . . . . .	6 10	
J. L. Fairbanks &, Co., sundry items,	1 75	
N. Boynton & Co., repairing ensign .	1 80	
American Express Company, express,	4 25	
E. L. Bemis, labor at Town House .	1 50	
J. M. Smith, labor at Town House .	19 85	
Daniel Smith, labor at Town House .	28 54	
Mass. Association Board of Health .	9 00	
E. R. Cutler, M. D., services . . .	10 00	
J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . .	6 00	
C. Emerson, coal . . . . .	24 86	
Theodore Jones, care of town clock .	25 00	
Theodore Jones, care of town flag .	5 00	
A. S. Fiske, sundry items . . . .	37 50	
J. M. Smith, sundry items . . . .	3 00	
Andrew Fiske, articles for Registry of voters . . . . .	20 87	
Andrew Fiske, registrar of voters .	30 00	
J. E. Gale, registrar of voters . . .	30 00	
A. S. Burrage, registrar of voters .	30 00	
Geo. W. Cutting, registrar of voters .	50 00	
Geo. W. Cutting, sundry items . . .	18 85	
B. H. Dixon, Jr., counting ballots .	3 00	

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*Amounts carried forward* . . . \$1,102 01 \$1,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$1,102 01	\$1,500 00
F. W. Jackson, M. D., return of births and deaths . . . . .	6 00	
H. J. Jennison, stationery and post- age . . . . .	3 00	
H. J. White, stationery and postage .	11 50	
Sewall & Day Cordage Company, sun- dry items . . . . .	1 81	
M. M. Fiske, inspector of cattle .	15 00	
J. M. Smith, balance due on account of care of Town House . . . .	15 00	
M. L. Upham, snow bill . . . .	132 92	
B. F. Cutter, snow bill . . . .	92 09	
T. E. Coburn, snow bill . . . .	60 34	
	<hr/>	\$1,439 67
Balance unexpended . . . . .		\$60 33

## HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$5,500 00	
Amount transferred from Summer Street .	12 14	
Bills prior :		
April. M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	\$68 50	
T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	42 75	
C. A. Warren, labor as per bill . . . . .	30 10	
J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	22 25	
William Reed, stone . . . .	82 90	
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<i>Amounts carried forward . . .</i>	\$246 50	\$5,512 14

	<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>	.	\$246 50	\$5,512 14
April.	N. Barker, gravel . . .	.	5 00	
	E. W. Russell, painting . . .	.	21 37	
	T. E. Coburn, articles for highways . . .	.	3 70	
	T. E. Coburn, snow bill . . .	.	30 46	
	B. F. Cutter, snow bill . . .	.	34 58	
	M. L. Upham, snow bill . . .	.	56 10	
	Geo. W. Dunn, snow bill . . .	.	15 15	
	A. L. Coburn, snow bill . . .	.	2 80	
	Geo. E. Sanderson, snow bill . . . . .	.	7 00	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	57 25	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	52 12	
May.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	299 22	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	408 67	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	391 91	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	146 20	
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	92 25	
June.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	302 73	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	.	463 44	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill, . . . . .	.	249 85	
	<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>	.	\$2,886 30	\$5,512 14



<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$2,886 30	\$5,512 14
June.	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill . . . . .	70 87	
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	83 41	
	F. A. Caswell, labor as per bill . . . . .	37 18	
	G. W. Thompson, labor as per bill . . . . .	32 50	
July.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	48 14	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	191 85	
	F. A. Caswell, labor as per bill . . . . .	1 69	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill, . . . . .	127 00	
	G. W. Thompson, labor as per bill . . . . .	20 00	
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	131 75	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	31 65	
Aug.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	88 10	
Sept.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	46 49	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill, . . . . .	71 25	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	52 60	
Oct.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	88 33	
<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>		\$4,009 11	\$5,512 14

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$4,009 11	\$5,512 14
Oct.	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	33 25	
Nov.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	183 08	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	55 86	
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	20 25	
Dec.	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	100 25	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill, . . . . .	26 25	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	65 67	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	294 61	
1893.			
Jan.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	70 63	
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	53 35	
	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill . . . . .	37 00	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill . . . . .	7 50	
	E. Jennings, labor as per bill, . . . . .	4 72	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	61 25	
Feb.	M. L. Upham, snow bill . . . . .	23 27	
	T. E. Coburn, snow bill . . . . .	18 58	
<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>		\$5,064 63	\$5,512 14

*Amounts brought forward* . . \$5,064 63 \$5,512 14

## INCIDENTALS.

Feb.	G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for highways . . .	50 09	
	G. H. Sampson . . .	2 25	
	T. E. Coburn, articles for highways . . .	13 75	
	B. F. Cutter, articles for highways . . .	15 50	
	G. F. Frost, drain pipe .	42 47	
	Kendall & Higgins, drain pipe . . .	4 08	
	A. S. Fiske, gravel . .	25 89	
	Miss Hagar, gravel . .	17 72	
	Mrs. Holbrook, gravel .	3 89	
	Nathan Barker, gravel .	16 60	
	J. Schwartz, gravel . .	6 40	
	Daniel Spear, gravel . .	35 00	
	S. F. Clarke, gravel . .	5 00	
	D. Whitehead, gravel . .	23 71	
	M. L. Upham, gravel . .	20 00	
	G. A. Hirtle, repairing tools,	18 89	
	D. Garfield, repairing tools .	11 60	
	D. O'Donnell, repairing tools,	10 55	
	William Reed, stone . .	10 80	
	J. L. Cloyes, granite . .	27 90	
	Buttrick Lumber Co., lumber . . .	5 42	
	A. B. Black, snow ploughs .	80 00	
		—————	\$5,512 14

## CENTRAL AVENUE.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$3,000 00
Aug.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	\$42 36
Sept.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	437 46
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	56 75
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	39 31
Oct.	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	65 00
	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	426 57
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	54 51
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	133 13
Nov.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	441 93
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	66 75
	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . . .	46 75
Dec.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	241 31
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill . . . . .	45 00
<i>Amounts carried forward . .</i>		<u>\$2,096 83</u> <u>\$3,000 00</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$2,096 83	\$3,000 00
Dec.	D. J. Eldridge, labor as per bill . . . .	24 25	
	G. W. Thompson, labor as per bill . . . .	32 50	
1893.			
Jan.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . .	114 97	
	G. A. Hirtle, repairing tools . . . .	17 02	
	E. R. Sibley, gravel . .	124 40	
	Chas. Jones, gravel . .	5 00	
	Chas. Emerson, gravel .	12 80	
	Davis and Farnum, articles for Central Ave . .	12 88	
	G. Fuller & Son, lumber .	1 20	
	W. H. Leatherbee & Son, lumber . . . .	10 02	
	Fred W. Jackson, land damage . . . .	100 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,551 87
	Balance expended . . .		<hr/> \$448 13

## SUMMER STREET.

	Appropriation . . . .	\$1,000 00	
July.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill . . . .	\$279 38	
Sept.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill . . . .	150 87	
Oct.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill . . . .	153 37	
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<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>		\$583 62	\$1,000 00



<i>Amounts brought forward . .</i>		\$583 62	\$1,000 00
Oct.	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill . . . .	41 88	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . .	78 13	
1893.			
Jan.	City of Cambridge, gravel .	128 00	
	Amt. transferred to Highways . . . .	12 14	
		<hr/>	\$843 77
	Balance unexpended . .		<hr/> \$156 23

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Henry J. Jennison, Selectman . .	\$275 00
Francis Blake, Selectman . .	50 00
Nathan S. Fiske, Selectman . .	50 00
Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor . .	125 00
Henry L. Brown, Assessor . .	100 00
Marcus M. Fiske, Assessor . .	100 00
Chas. F. Russell, School Committee .	50 00
Frank H. Upham, School Committee,	50 00
George W. Cutting, Town Clerk .	150 00
John Coburn, Librarian . .	300 00
Henry J. White, Treasurer and Collector,	500 00
Herman A. Train, Auditor . .	100 00
Henry J. Jennison, Overseer of Poor,	15 00
Francis Blake, Overseer of Poor .	15 00
Nathan S. Fiske, Overseer of Poor .	15 00
	<hr/> \$1,895 00
Balance unexpended . .	<hr/> \$105 00

## STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Balance unexpended from 1891 .	72 83
H. L. Brown, care of lights . .	\$456 00
Herbert Seaverns, care of lights .	235 00
D. B. Vittum, care of lights . .	252 00
Arthur Russell, care of lights . .	53 33
P. J. McAuliffe, care of lights . .	35 10
Geo. A. Robinson, care of lights .	18 00
Geo. H. Jones, care of lights . .	10 00
Gustavus Smith, care of lights . .	16 00
Committee, care of lights . . .	125 50
Committee, sundry persons, labor .	7 00
Committee, articles for street lights .	42 43
Globe Gas Light Company, articles for street lights . . . . .	277 61
	<hr/> \$1,527 97
Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$44 86

## CEMETERIES.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
L. F. Upham, labor as per bill . .	\$371 46
B. Pierce, labor as per bill . . .	17 30
E. L. Bemis, labor as per bill . .	12 68
Amri Barker, labor as per bill . .	9 97
Geo. W. Thompson, labor as per bill .	5 00
R. W. Stuart, labor as per bill . .	13 13
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<i>Amounts carried forward . . .</i>	<i>\$429 54</i> <hr/> \$1,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$429 54	\$1,000 00
F. W. Upham, labor as per bill . . . . .	4 00	
J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . . . . .	422 27	
C. L. Keefe, articles for cemeteries . . . . .	19 72	
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for cemeteries . . . . .	15 00	
Herbert Seaverns, plants for ceme- teries . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 53
Balance unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$99 47

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$200 00	
M. J. Cutting, fire patrol . . . . .	\$1 00	
J. S. Russell, fire patrol . . . . .	1 00	
J. M. Guinness, fire patrol . . . . .	1 00	
J. M. Smith, labor as per bill . . . . .	41 10	
Daniel Smith, labor as per bill . . . . .	24 00	
R. P. Parker, articles for fire depart- ment . . . . .	1 85	
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for fire department . . . . .	2 66	
W. G. Wark, articles for fire depart- ment . . . . .	1 80	
F. H. Hastings, articles for fire de- partment . . . . .	2 50	
Walker & Pratt, articles for fire de- partment . . . . .	3 00	
Burditt & Williams, articles for fire department . . . . .	22 50	
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i> . . . . .	\$102 41	\$200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$102 41	\$200 00
S. F. Hayward & Co., articles for fire department . . . . .	36 00	
P. J. McAuliffe, carriage hire . . . . .	9 00	
Daniel Garfield, sundry items . . . . .	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$149 41
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$50 59

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,200 00	
Overseers of Poor, support at almshouse . . . . .	\$915 76	
Overseers of Poor, outside relief . . . . .	279 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,195 70
Balance unexpended . . . . .		<hr/> \$4 30

## CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$500 00	
Amount transferred from schools . . . . .	414 00	
F. B. Ripley, conveyance of pupils . . . . .	\$167 00	
P. J. McAuliffe . . . . .	360 50	
E. Jennings, conveyance of pupils . . . . .	163 50	
J. F. Hagar, conveyance of pupils . . . . .	100 00	
J. M. Schwartz, conveyance of pupils, . . . . .	25 00	
Mrs. Shaw, conveyance of pupils . . . . .	25 00	
C. A. Warren, conveyance of pupils, . . . . .	5 00	
J. W. Moore, conveyance of drawing teachers . . . . .	68 00	
	<hr/>	\$914 00

## COLUMBUS DAY.

Appropriation . . . . .		\$150 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co., art. for Columbus Day . . . . .	\$8 69	
R. H. White & Co., art. for Columbus Day . . . . .	2 00	
W. T. Burrage, art. for Columbus Day, . . . . .	84	
G. W. Simmonds, art. for Columbus Day . . . . .	11 75	
W. N. Gowell, labor and stock . . . . .	12 73	
F. H. Hastings, sundry items . . . . .	9 00	
H. J. Jennison, sundry items . . . . .	1 10	
Freeman, Loomis & Co., sundry items . . . . .	7 25	
Sudbury Brass Band . . . . .	35 00	
C. A. Warren, team . . . . .	10 00	
Thomas Irving, team . . . . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$101 36
Balance unexpended . . . . .		\$48 64

## LIBRARY.

Appropriation, dog tax . . . . .	\$265 15
Dog tax refunded . . . . .	265 15

## LIBRARY BUILDING.

Appropriation, balance unexpended from 1891, . . . . .	\$342 55
Heliotype Printing Co., plans . . . . .	\$73 00
E. W. Bowditch, civil engineer . . . . .	161 10
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	234 10
Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$108 45



## INTEREST ON DEBT.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Amount . . . . .	\$923 64
Amount transferred to discount and abatements . . . . .	76 36
	<hr/> \$1,000 00

## DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Amount transferred from interest . . . . .	76 36
	<hr/> \$1,076 36

## TOWN RECORDS.

<i>Unexpended Bal.</i>	280.00
Appropriation . . . . .	<u>\$890 00</u>
Mary F. Pierce, as per bill . . . . .	1170.00
	<hr/> 150 00
Balance unexpended . . . . .	<u>\$740 00</u>
	1020.00

## HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Appropriation, balance unexpended from 1891 . . . . .	\$29 20
E. L. Bemis, as per bill . . . . .	\$1 00
	<hr/> 1 00
Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$28 20

## CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation according to Article 15, By-Laws . . . . .	\$392 49
Balance in excess of appropriation of discount and abatements . . . . .	\$392 49
	<hr/> \$392 49

## MILITARY AID.

John Finn	.	.	.	.	.	\$90 00
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## STATE AID.

Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson	.	.			\$24 00
Mrs. Martha Tucker	.	.	.		48 00
Hosea F. Traverse	.	.	.	.	48 00
Lemuel A. Smith	.	.	.	.	48 00
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					\$168 00

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND  
COLLECTOR.

DR.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1892 . . . . .	\$2,746 76
Massachusetts Corporation Tax, balance for 1891, . . . . .	228 11
Massachusetts Corporation Tax . . . . .	10,308 69
Massachusetts Bank Tax . . . . .	2,615 98
Massachusetts State aid . . . . .	168 00
Massachusetts school fund . . . . .	274 41
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded . . . . .	280 05
Weighing fees . . . . .	32 75
Sale of burial lots . . . . .	10 00
Auctioneer's license . . . . .	2 00
Court fines . . . . .	16 71
Interest on burial fund . . . . .	27 00
County of Middlesex, for Central Avenue . . . . .	1,000 00
City of Boston, board of Susan Hall refunded . . . . .	104 25
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans . . . . .	10,500 00
Tax receipts for 1890 . . . . .	210 92
Tax receipts for 1891 . . . . .	967 67
Tax receipts for 1892 . . . . .	19,603 63
Added taxes . . . . .	201 52
Interest on taxes . . . . .	38 18
Uncollected taxes . . . . .	1,505 38

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\$50,825.91

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND  
COLLECTOR.

CR.		
Schools . . . . .		\$5,464 68
School incidentals . . . . .		1,552 60
Town incidentals . . . . .		1,439 67
Text-books . . . . .		356 05
Support of poor . . . . .		1,195 70
Soldiers and sailors' relief . . . . .		208 53
Military aid . . . . .		90 00
State aid . . . . .		168 00
Salary of town officers . . . . .		1,895 00
Highways . . . . .		5,512 14
Central Avenue . . . . .		2,551 87
Summer Street . . . . .		831 63
Cemeteries . . . . .		900 53
Library . . . . .		265 15
Library building . . . . .		234 10
Interest on debt . . . . .		923 64
Discount and abatements . . . . .		1,076 36
Fire department . . . . .		149 41
Street lights . . . . .		1,527 97
Extension of High School grounds . . . . .		1 00
Town records . . . . .		150 00
Conveyance of pupils . . . . .		914 00
Columbus Day . . . . .		101 36
Contingencies . . . . .		392 49
State Tax . . . . .		2,222 50
County Tax . . . . .		2,481 48
Court orders . . . . .		41 19
Sundry persons, town notes . . . . .		3,950 00
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans . . . . .		8,500 00
Cash in Treasury . . . . .		4,223 48
Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1893 . . . . .		1,505 38
		\$50,825 91

## DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Library Fund . . . . .	\$1,400 00
Merriam Fund . . . . .	3,408 00
Stone Bridge loan . . . . .	4,000 00
Central Avenue loan . . . . .	5,000 00
Consolidated loan . . . . .	4,000 00
Burial loan . . . . .	489 00
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	\$18,297 00

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in treasury . . . . .	\$4,223 48
Uncollected taxes . . . . .	1,505 38
State Aid . . . . .	168 00
Military Aid . . . . .	45 00
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	\$5,941 86
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Total debt . . . . .	\$12,355 14

## ASSESSOR'S VALUATION, MAY 1, 1892.

Ualue of real estate . . . . .	\$1,430,183 00
Value of personal estate . . . . .	1,574,283 00
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Total valuation . . . . .	\$3,004,446 00
Tax on personal estate . . . . .	10,390 27
Tax on real estate . . . . .	9,439 21
Tax on polls . . . . .	1,064 00
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Total tax . . . . .	\$20,893 48



## RATE PER CENT, \$6.60 per \$1,000.

Number of persons assessed on property	.	.						406
Polls	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	287
Total persons assessed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	693
Number of horses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	518
Cows	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	894
Neat cattle	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	138
Swine	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	241
Dwellings	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	313
Fowls	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,778
Acres taxed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,579 $\frac{1}{4}$

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN,

*Auditor.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

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# REPORT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

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## REPORT OF TOWN

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1892 . . .	\$2,746 76
Auctioneer's license . . . . .	2 00
Weighing fees . . . . .	32 75
Sale of two single burial lots . . . . .	10 00
Interest on burial fund . . . . .	27 00
Court fines . . . . .	16 71
Waltham National Bank, temporary loan . .	10,500 00
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded . .	280 05
County of Middlesex, for Central Ave. . .	1,000 00
State of Massachusetts, income from school fund,	274 41
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax . .	10,308 69
State of Massachusetts, balance corporation tax,	
1891 . . . . .	228 11
State of Massachusetts, bank tax . . . .	2,615 98
State of Massachusetts, State aid refunded .	168 00
City of Boston, board of Susan Hall refunded .	104 25
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1890 . .	210 92
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1891 . .	951 67
Henry J. White, collector, taxes of 1892 . .	19,603 63
Henry J. White, collector, added taxes . .	201 52
Henry J. White, collector, interest on taxes .	38 08
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	\$49,320 53

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

CR.

Paid State of Massachusetts, State tax . . .	\$2,222 50
County of Middlesex, county tax . . .	2,481 48
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans .	8,500 00
Sundry persons, town notes . . .	3,950 00
J. M. Smith, janitor Town Hall, \$228 25	
Less amount received for rents of Halls . . . . .	213 25
Selectmen's order . . . . .	\$15 00
Sundry persons, Selectmen's or- ders . . . . .	27,886 88
	<hr/> \$27,901 88
Court orders . . . . .	41 19
Balance in treasury . . . . .	4,223 48
	<hr/> \$49,320 53

HENRY J. WHITE,  
*Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

## TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Tax of 1891 . . . . .	\$210 90
Tax of 1892 . . . . .	1,294 48
	<hr/> \$1,505 38

HENRY J. WHITE,  
*Collector.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF THE  
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

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DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1892	.	.	\$271	47
Interest from fund	.	.	198	49
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			\$469	96

CR.

Paid trustees' orders	.	.	.	.	.	\$182	73
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	287	23
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						\$469	96

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TREASURER.

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Balance in treasury, March 1, 1892 . . .	\$73 76
Interest from library fund . . .	84 00
From Town Treasury, dog tax . . .	265 15
From library fines . . .	2 00
From Francis Blake, for books of reference .	65 00
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/>
	\$489 91

### CR.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books . . .	\$346 38
Cutting & Brodrick . . .	66 20
Phelps Publishing Company . . .	1 50
O. Robbins . . .	4 13
Balance in treasury . . .	71 70
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	\$489 91

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1893.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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The Library Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893 :—

Number of books purchased . . . . .	303
Number of books presented . . . . .	26
Number of books taken out . . . . .	7,709

Books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources : Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Mrs. O. N. Kenney, Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mr. Francis Blake, Mr. H. L. Gordon, Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Mr. Increase Leadbetter, Mr. Herbert Merriam, E. B. Stillings & Co., Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Treasury Department of State Bureau of Education, Harvard College Library, Lancaster Public Library, Salem Public Library, American Unitarian Association, Publishers of the Waltham Free Press, and the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association.

Valuable additions have been made to the Reference Library with the money presented by Mr. Francis Blake. The most important set of books purchased is the Century Dictionary in six volumes. This is the most complete work of its kind ever published in this country.

Mr. Blake has again given to the library \$65, which is the amount of his salary as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. It is to be expended for books of reference.

We have a good library, but we do not receive the full benefit of it from the want of proper means of making selections and finding the books.

A good catalogue to a library, like a good index to a book,

greatly increases its value. Our present catalogue was issued twelve years ago. At that time it was considered a good one, and was all that we needed, but with its yearly additions it has become rather fragmentary, and is not satisfactory.

We recommend an appropriation for a new catalogue. We do not at present know what it will cost, but hope before town meeting to be able to make an approximate estimate.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1892 . . .	\$73 76
Dog tax . . . . .	265 15
Interest from fund . . . . .	84 00
Fines . . . . .	2 00
From Francis Blake . . . . .	65 00
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	\$489 91

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books . . . . .	\$346 38
Cutting & Brodrick, periodicals . . . . .	66 20
Phelps Publishing Co., periodicals . . . . .	1 50
O. R. Robbins, postage, stationery and expressage . . . . .	4 13
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	\$418 21
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1893 . . . . .	71 70
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	\$489 91

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,  
HORACE S. SEARS,  
ELIZABETH S. GOWING,  
*Library Committee.*

WESTON, March 1, 1893.

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**WESTON TOWN LIBRARY,**  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1893.

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